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This inventory of Rush County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It has been prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, operating as a separate project under the Works Progress Administration.

The survey of state and local historical records in Indiana was instituted on February 10, 1938, as part of a nation-wide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel J. Hagan, state archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library, was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 22, 1938, the Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The aim and purpose of the survey of county records in Indiana have been to furnish the officials of the local, state, and national governments, students of history, lawyers, and genealogists, and the general citizenry interested in the county records, with a convenient tool for use in consulting them. It is the object of the Survey to make the valuable source materials that are to be found in the Indiana courthouses and other public buildings, available and more accessible to those who may be in need of them. It is our hope that the information contained in this inventory will arouse greater interest in state and local historical records and will encourage

officials to continue the improvement of methods for the preservation and safekeeping of these records.

The field work of the survey of Rush County was begun on May 9, 1938, under the district supervision of Norbert Meyers, of Franklin, later succeeded by Elizabeth Howe, of New Albany. The field workers were Mildred McKorman, of Milroy; Glen Montgomery, of St. Paul; Gene Todtenbier of Connersville; and Frances Pyles, Ed. Brown, and Ethel Jones, all of Rushville. It was completed on July 6, 1938. Many visits, however, have since been made to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained herein, the final recheck having been made in July, 1937.

There are ninety-two counties in Indiana. When the survey of the county archives is completed a separate volume is to be devoted to each county inventory in the state. Rush County is No. 70.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; major administrative offices; judicial offices; and financial, educational, health, engineering, and other groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to their functional sequence. A full and extensive

index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an editorial staff of some forty men and women, whose labors we deeply appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith, capitained by Harry A. Rider, editor: John P. Milligan in charge of accession and classifying; Louise Nation in charge of checking; Denis E. Broadway in charge of condensing; Julius Solman, legal adviser; and Howard G. Underwood, historical research editor.

The original survey was made in the field under the direction of the State Director and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the State Office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to his task of each and every person who had a part in the Survey we are keenly aware, and we regret that we cannot commend by name the services of all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The Survey is indebted to county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to Kenneth D. Lamont, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the Survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; and to Mr. Christopher B. Coleman, who has taken personal initiative and interest in behalf of the Survey in giving technical advice to the project.

S. J. Kagan, State Director
The Historical Records Survey

FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project called the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and state historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Magan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings are held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

Christopher B. Coleman

Director, Indiana Historical Bureau

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PART A. RUSH COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Rush County, situated in the east central part of the state, is bounded on the north by Hancock and Henry Counties, on the east by Fayette and Franklin Counties, on the south by Decatur County, and on the west by Shelby and Hancock Counties. It has an area of 409 square miles.

Rush County is for the most part a gently undulating plain, broken only by the valleys of streams that traverse the area. Flat Rock River, the largest stream in the county, flows from the northeast to the southwest, and with its tributaries--the largest of which is Little Flat Rock Creek---drains the northeast, central, and southwest portions of the county. The northwest and west portions are drained by Big Blue River and its branches, Little Blue River and Mud Creek.

A brief picture of the relationship of Indiana to the history of the United States as a whole begins with the landing and settlement of the English at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec a year later, and began a series of explorations to the west and south that eventually carried La Salle to the mouth of the Mississippi River. On April 9, 1682, he claimed the entire river valley--the American Middle West--in the name of France, and named it Louisiana in honor of his King. In the territory now comprising Indiana, French trading posts had been established on the present sites of Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and Vincennes by 1733.

When the English began to settle the Ohio Valley and to compete with the French for the valuable fur trade, the economic basis for the French and Indian War was laid. This conflict ended in a complete victory for Britain, and by the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys came into possession of the English. Shortly after the outbreak of the American Revolution, General George Rogers Clark captured the British forts at Kaskaskia and Vinconnes. This vast empire now came under the jurisdiction of Virginia, but in 1784 the United States succeeded to Virginia's rights by a treaty of cession. Three years later, the Ordinance providing for the government of the Northwest Territory was passed by Congress.. In 1790, Knox County, which included all of Indiana and parts of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin was organized. Indiana Territory was established in 1800, and in 1816, Indiana was admitted into the Union as a state.

Before Whitewater Valley and the territory which eventually became Rush County was settled by the white man, the Delaware, or Lenni-Lanappes Indians claimed this part of the state and made it their home, Their principal village in the county was near what later became known as "Arnold's Home", on the banks of the present Ben Davis Creek in Union Township. In line with its policy of purchasing all Indian lands in the state, the United States Government entered into a treaty of cession with the Delawares on October 2-6, 1818, at St. Marys, Ohio, purchasing all their lands in the state. The government surveyors completed their work April 29, 1820, and the land was placed on sale at the Brookville land

office on October 1. The Indians retained the right of occupancy for three years, and then moved to reservations provided for them west of the Mississippi River.

The first white men to come to the territory which later became Rush County were squatters; they came before the land was placed on sale and were unable to obtain a clear title. The first of these squatters was probably Enoch Russell. He lived in the section which became Franklin County until shortly after the treaty with the Indians was signed he moved into territory which became Rush County. With the assistance of a man named Zack Collins, Russell erected a cabin--the first in the county--about a mile and a half north of the present site of New Salem. This cabin was intended for use when the two men were on hunting expeditions in the county during the winter months. The next spring Russell moved his family into the cabin, and made it his permanent home. About this time Collins built a cabin in the same neighborhood. In the fall of 1819, Isaac Williams, Isaac Phipps, and a man named Merryman built cabins nearby for hunting purposes. When the land was placed on sale at Brookville, John Smith entered the land on which the Russell cabin stood. Rushville Township was settled in 1820 and 1821 by Judge W. B. Laughlin, Stephen Simms, Christian Clymer, Houston Morris, Elijah Seward, and others.

Rush County was formed out of territory previously attached to Delaware County, New Purchase, by an act of the General Assembly approved December 31, 1821. The legal boundaties as defined in the act are: "Beginning at the southwest corner, of section twenty-seven in township twelve north of range eight east of the second

principal meridian; thence east eighteen miles to the southeast corner of section twenty-eight in township twelve north of range eleven east, thence north to the line dividing townships fifteen and sixteen; thence west eighteen miles to the north-west corner of section three in township fifteen north of range eight east; thence south to the place of beginning." (1)

The first county officials were William Sunken, recorder, and James McMannis, treasurer; Amaziah Morgan, Jehu Perkins, and John Julian were commissioners; Robert Thompson was clerk and John Hays was sheriff; and Elias Poston and North Parker were associate judges.

The board of commissioners of the newly formed county met for the first time on April 1, 1822, at the cabin of Jehu Perkins which was located about five miles southeast of Rushville. Their first official act was to divide the county into six townships. At present, there are twelve townships in Rush County: Anderson, Center, Jackson, Noble, Orange, Posey, Richland, Ripley, Rushville, Union, Walker, and Washington.

The commissioners, at a special meeting held on June 17, 1822, at the home of Dr. William Laughlin, decided the county seat of Rush County should be the present site of Rushville. Conrad Sailors was appointed county agent, with authority to lay out the new town and dispose of the lots. The county and town were named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush, patriot, humanitarian, and the best known physician of his day. (1745-1813).

The circuit court of Rush County met for the first time on

April 4, 1822, at the home of Stephen Sims, just south of Rushville, The presiding judge of the circuit was William W. Wick.

On February 12, 1824, the commissioners adopted plans for the construction of the first courthouse in Rush County. This building, completed in 1826, was a two story brick structure forty feet square, and was surmounted by a cupola. The contract for the second courthouse was let in March 1846. This was a two story brick building fifty feet by eighty feet in size, and was completed two years later. The contract for the third and present courthouse was let on March 5, 1895, and was accepted as complete February 2, 1898. While the courthouse was under construction county business was transacted in the old Christian Church, which stood on the corner of Second and Morgan Streets.

The population of Rush County has increased very little since 1890. According to the United States Census the population that year was 19,034; in 1930, it was 19,412. Of these, 70% were classified as rural. The only city in the county is Rushville, and there are two incorporated towns: Carthage and Glenwood. There are also several unincorporated towns, the largest of which are Milroy, Arlington, and Manilla. 98.8% of the population are native born whites.

Rush County is primarily an agricultural county, and occupies an outstanding position in this respect. It ranks first among the counties of the state in the production of corn and hogs and third in wheat. As regards natural resources, the county has clay deposits, a small amount of natural gas, sand and gravel sufficient for local needs, and limestone.

The most important manufacturing industries in the county are located in Rushville. These include three furniture factories and other concerns making various wood products. A corrugated fiber box factory is located at Carthage. A few canning factories, scattered throughout the county, provide seasonal employment to several hundred people.

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2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS

Rush County, with its county seat at Rushville, is a subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. It is a creature of the legislature and possesses only such powers of local government as are conferred by acts of the legislature or are incident and necessary to carry out the provisions thereof. Created by the state, the county is subject to legislative control at any time and its powers may be amplified or diminished without its consent.

Rush County was organized by an act of the General Assembly, effective April 1, 1822. (1) Its present government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1816, the present Constitution adopted in 1851, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American Colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which recognized the counties already established, and provided for courts and administrative officers, as follows: General court of quarter sessions of the peace, county court of common pleas, (2) and court of probate, (3) commissioners, (4) sheriff, (5) coroner, (6) recorder, (7) treasurer, (8) (circuit court). (9) These officers were appointed by either the governor or the court. The laws of Indiana Territory provided for the appointment of additional officers: Surveyor, (10) assessor, (11) prosecuting attorney, (12)

and county agent who conveys and receives conveyance of public lands. (13)

In the year of 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union and the constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of a clerk of the circuit court, (14) recorder, (15) sheriff and coroner, (16) and continued the other territorial officers until supersede. (17)

The legislature, in 1817, established a body called the board of commissioners, elected by the voters of the county; (18) the office of treasurer, who was appointed by the board of commissioners; (19) and in 1818 the office of surveyor, who was appointed and commissioned by the Governor of the state. (20)

In 1824, the board of commissioners was abolished, and its functions conferred upon the justices of the peace of the county, who constituted the board for doing county business, (21) until in 1831 the board of commissioners was reestablished, which consisted of three members elected by the voters. (22) When Rush County was organized in 1828, its government followed the form outlined above. In 1831 the legislature made the surveyor an appointee of the board of commissioners, (23) and in 1841 created the elective office of auditor. (24) Otherwise the original organization continued practically unchanged for nearly thirty years.

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1850, when a constitutional covention was called

which framed a new constitution. (25) This constitution was submitted to the qualified voters of the state and adopted in 1851 and proclaimed by the Governor to be effective on November 1, 1851, and with amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana. (26)

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, (27) and the general outline of the organization of county government remains the same, the general assembly has provided the necessary variations to take care of local needs and conditions. These variations lie chiefly in the number of officers and courts provided for counties within classifications based upon population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be ruled by the same number of officers. Each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter officers may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include only one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards, since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899. (28)

Coroner, who holds inquests in all cases of death by violence and of suspicious circumstances.

Treasurer, who receives and disburses all county funds, including the collection of taxes, and serves as ex-officio member of the board of review.

Auditor, who, the financial agent of the county, compiles the county budget estimates, prepares the tax duplicates and serves as clerk and member of several county boards.

Surveyor, who has charge of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the maintenance of drainage systems. (30)

The constitution also empowers the legislature to prescribe such other officers as may become necessary. (31) Under this authority the legislature has from time to time established the following statutory officers and boards:

Board of commissioners, the leading governing body of the county, often called the "county board", or the "board for doing county business". It consists of three members elected for terms of three years. The board furnishes and maintains county buildings and grounds, administers the financial transactions of the county and audits the accounts of all officers who handle moneys of the county, and is responsible for the maintenance of county highways. (32)

County council, another governing body, created in 1909, (33) to control the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members, elected for terms of four years, The council has power to fix the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where the rate is not fixed by law and is

required to be uniform throughout the county; to adopt the county budget and the exclusive right to make appropriations from the county treasury; and the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds. (34)

Superintendent of schools, in 1873, (35) who has general superintendence of all schools of the county outside of incorporated cities and towns. (36) Elected by the township trustees, (37) he is ex-officio member and president of the county board of education. (38)

Board of education, in 1873, (39) consisting since an amendment of 1877 of the superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The board considers the general wants and needs of the schools and school property, and all matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, and charts. (40)

Health officer, in 1881, originally secretary of the board of health, (41) abolished by an act of 1909, which created the office of health commissioner, (42) whose title was changed in 1935 to health officer. He is appointed by the board of commissioners and must be legally qualified to practice medicine, and enforces the health laws of the state. (43)

Assessor, in 1891, (44) who instructs and advises the township assessors, reviews their returns and examines the tax duplicates, assesses omitted real and personal property, (45) and appraises estates for inheritance taxes. (46) He is elected by the voters of the county, (47) and is ex-officio member and president of the board of review. (48)

Board of review, in 1931, whose members are the county assessor, auditor, and treasurer, (49) and, by an amendment of 1919, two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. (50) This board equalizes tax assessments as between townships or other taxing units and between individual property owners, and may set aside the aggregate assessment, if too high or too low, of the whole county or any taxing unit thereof and order a new assessment. (51)

Board of finance, in 1907, consisting of the board of commissioners, with the auditor as secretary. (52) This board has the custody of county funds and selects the depositories, (53) apportioning the deposits among the banks in agreement with other municipal corporations in the county according to the total resources of the depositories. (54)

Agricultural agent, in 1913, who, under the supervision of Purdue University, conducts farmers' institutes and other movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life, and aids the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in agricultural education and domestic science. He is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board known as the county agricultural agent board. (55)

Highway supervisor, in 1933, who supervises, under the direction of the board of commissioners, the repair and maintenance of all county highways. The board of commissioners makes the appointment and may appoint the surveyor as highway supervisor.

However, the board of commissioners of Ruck County has appointed an extra officer as highway supervisor. (56)

Board of tax adjustment, in 1938, consisting of seven members (57) who, by an amendment of 1937, are: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of any city in the county, appointed by the mayor of the largest city of the county; one member of the county board of education, selected by such board; and four freeholders appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board examines any tax levy and the corresponding items of the budget, and adjusts the tax rate so that it shall not exceed, in any municipal corporation, the total tax rate prescribed by law. (58)

School fund board, in 1935, consisting of three members; the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board makes all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real estate, duly secured by mortgage. (59)

Department of public welfare, in 1936, (60) comprising the board of public welfare, consisting of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, (61) and the director of public welfare, appointed by the board. (62) The department administers the measures of public welfare as prescribed by law and the rules of the state department. (63)

Registration officer, in 1935, who is the clerk of the circuit court ex officio. He conducts the registration of voters (64) and furnishes a list of the registered voters to the inspector of each precinct. (65)

Board of election commissioners, in 1909, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for general elections (66) and appoints the precinct officials. (67)

Board of canvassers, in 1906, which is the board of election commissioners. (68) The board canvasses, tabulates, and compiles the election returns of the county (69) and certifies the candidates elected. (70)

Board of primary election commissioners, in 1913, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for primary elections. (71)

Judicial

The judicial system of Rush County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the constitution and subsequent acts of the Indiana General Assembly. The constitution authorized and directed that the state be divided into judicial circuits. (72) Rush County constitutes the sixty-fifth circuit, established in 1913. (73) Previously, it was part of a judicial circuit to

which other counties were attached. The constitution further provides for the election of a judge (74) and a prosecuting attorney for the circuit, (75) and a clerk of the circuit court. (76) The circuit court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all cases, criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace, and such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court or office. (77)

Records System

The records of Rush County began with its creation in 1822. The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (78) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The board also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county

commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office, it is the duty of the board of commissioners to issue an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records. (79)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (80) This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use and in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

The recorder and other county officers, by an act of 1927, are authorized to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments by any approved photographic process adopted by the board of commissioners. (81)

In 1937, the general assembly authorized the director of the state library, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be

made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices. (82).

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(46) Acts 1931, 1933; Burns 6-2403.
(47) Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101.
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(49) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.
(50) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201.
(51) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205.

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(62) Ibid., 52-1119.
(63) Ibid., 52-1120.
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3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Rush County courthouse, a three story brick and stone structure, occupies a public square in the center of Rushville. Built in 1896, it is 170' in length, 110' in width, and 60' in height, exclusive of the clock tower. The offices of the sheriff, the surveyor, the department of public welfare, and the agricultural agent are located on the first floor; the offices of the clerk, the recorder, the treasurer, the auditor, and the highway supervisor on the second floor; the offices of the assessor and the superintendent of schools on the third floor; and the storage room for records in the attic.

Board of Commissioners

Records of the commissioners are housed in the auditor's office and record room, the recorder's record room, and the treasurer's office (q.v., infra).

County Council

All records of the council are in the auditor's office and record room (q.v., infra).

Clerk of the Circuit Court

The clerk's office and record room, on the northwest corner of the second floor, are 45' by 39' by 15' and 28' by 17' by 18' respectively and have wooden floors, plastered walls

and plastered ceilings. Providing adequate accommodations for users of the records, both rooms are well lighted, but ventilation in the record room is poor. On steel shelving in the office, 118' of which are unoccupied, are 130' of bound volumes and 2' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep--3% each of the records of the clerk and the circuit court. In the record room are 1382' of bound volumes and 861' of unbound records. Additional shelving, which is needed, can be installed to care for an estimated fifteen years of expansion. Forty six per cent of the clerk's records, all the records of the common pleas court and the coroner, 94% of the records of the circuit court, and 2% of the recorder's records are housed in the vault. The other 51% of the clerk's records are in the auditor's record room.

Recorder

The recorder occupies an office, a private office, and a record room on the southwest corner of the first floor. Both rooms have wooden floors and plastered walls and ceilings, and both are well lighted and well ventilated. Measuring 57' by 39' by 15', the main office contains 663' of bound volumes and 14' of unbound records in file boxes 5" deep, ample space being left on the present shelving. (No details at present are available for the private office.) The record room, which is 34' by 24' by 15', is equipped with 700' of steel shelving, partially occupied by 461' of bound volumes and 26' of unbound records in file boxes 5" deep. Seven per cent of the recorder's records, 3% of the

records of the circuit court, and 17% of the records of the board of review are housed in the recorder's main office; 8% of the recorder's records in his private office; and 83% of the recorder's records and 12% of the commissioners' records in his record room. Adequate accommodations are provided for users of the records, the other 2% of which are housed in the clerk's record room.

Circuit Court

Circuit court records are housed in the clerk's office and record room and the recorder's office (q.v., supra).

Common Pleas Court

Records of the common pleas court are housed in the clerk's record room (q.v., supra).

Sheriff

The sheriff's main and private office occupy the southwest corner of the first floor. The main office is 22' by 22' by 10'; the private office, 18' by 15' by 11'. Both have wooden floors, plastered walls, and plastered ceilings, and lighting and ventilation in both are good. Eighteen feet of bound volumes and 6' of unbound records in file boxes 9" deep are housed in the main office, and 59' of unbound records in the private office, the present shelving in both being adequate for several years' expansion. Twenty seven per cent of the sheriff's records are housed in his main office, 71% in his private office, and 2%--comprising a few volumes of the Jail Register--in his residence in the jail

building. In all rooms, good accommodations are provided for users of the records.

Coroner

The coroner's records are kept in the clerk's record room (q.v., supra).

Assessor

The assessor's office, a well lighted, well ventilated room, measuring 22' by 22' by 13', lies on the east side of the third floor. The office has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling; it is equipped with 98' of shelving, on which are 94' of bound volumes. These comprise all the assessor's records, and slightly more than 7% of the auditor's records. Good accommodations for users of the records are provided here.

Board of Review

Records of the board of review are housed in the recorder's and the auditor's offices (q.v.; recorder, supra; auditor, infra).

Board of Tax Adjustment

All records of the board of tax adjustment are kept in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

Board of Finance

The records of the board of finance likewise are kept in the

auditor's office (q.v., infra).

Treasurer

The treasurer's office and vault, on the northeast corner of the second floor, house most of the records of that official. The office has a wooden floor 34' square, plastered walls 18' high, and a plastered ceiling. It contains 1922' of shelving, partially occupied by 883' of bound volumes. The vault, of the same construction as the office, is 18' by 20' by 10'. Here, as in the office, the steel and wooden shelving is only partially occupied by 38' of bound volumes and 103' of unbound records in file boxes 4" deep. The office is well lighted and well ventilated, and furnishes persons consulting the records with satisfactory accommodations; the record room is poorly lighted and poorly ventilated, and has no accommodations for users. Eighteen per cent of the treasurer's records, 1% of the commissioners' records, and less than 1% of the auditor's records are housed in the office; 65% of the treasurer's records and less than 1% of the auditor's records are housed in the vault. The remainder of the treasurer's records--17%--are housed in the auditor's office and record room.

Auditor

The auditor's office and record room, measuring 54' by 36' by 20' and 30' by 15' by 20', are located at the southeast corner of the second floor. Having wooden floors and plastered

walls and ceilings, these rooms are in good condition, and are well lighted and well ventilated. The office houses 310' of bound volumes and 93' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep, completely filing the present shelving; space, however, can be obtained here for the installation of additional shelving. In the record room the same conditions prevail: its steel shelving is entirely occupied by 1140' of bound volumes and 151' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep, but space for additional shelving can be obtained. In the office are 44% each of the records of the auditor and the council, all the records of the board of tax adjustment and the board of fiance, 83% of the records of the board of review, 67% of the records of the commissioners, 51% of the clerk's records, 10% of the treasurer's records, and 1% of the surveyor's records. Twenty per cent of the records of the auditor and the commissioners, 56% of the records of the council, and 7% of the treasurer's records are housed in the record room. Good accommodations for users of the records are provided in both office and record room. Of the remainder of the auditor's records, 7% are housed in the assessor's office, and a small portion--less than 1%--in the treasurer's office and record room.

Board of Education

All the records of the board of education are kept in the office of the superintendent of schools (q.v., infra).

Superintendent of Schools

On the southeast corner of the third floor is the office of the superintendent of schools, a well lighted, well ventilated room, measuring 9' by 9' by 12'. It has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling. Housing all the records of the superintendent of schools and the board of education--8' of bound volumes on a desk and 13' of unbound records in file boxes of varying depths--it is equipped with adequate accommodations for users of the records. Shelving can be installed here when needed.

Health Officer

The records of the health officer are housed at present in the professional office of the incumbent in the I. O. O. F. Building, 205 East Third Street, Rushville. The office is 14' by 12' by 16'; it has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling, and the records--11' of bound volumes--are housed on wooden shelving, which permits ample expansion.

Department of Public Welfare

All the records of the department of public welfare are housed in the office of that board. (No details on this room are available at present.)

Surveyor

The surveyor's office, on the northeast corner of the first floor, has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling.

Measuring 20' by 20' by 10', it is well lighted and well ventilated. Twenty feet of bound volumes and 47' of unbound records in file boxes 6" deep are housed on steel shelving, on which ample space is left for expansion. Satisfactory accommodations for users of the records are provided in this room, which houses 99% of the surveyor's records. One per cent is in the auditor's office.

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Highway Supervisor

The office of the highway supervisor, located on the south side of the first floor, houses all the records of that official. (No further details on this room are available at present)

Agricultural Agent

The agricultural agent and his assistant, the home demonstration agent, occupy an office 37' by 24' by 10' on the north side of the first floor. This office, which has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling, is well lighted and well ventilated; it houses all the records of the agricultural agent--140' of unbound records--in filing cabinets, in which ample space is left for expansion. Satisfactory accommodations are provided here for users of the records.

Storage Room

In the southeast corner of the attic are 1000 volumes of

personal assessment lists--approximately 83' of bound records--lying on planks laid across trestles. No shelving has been constructed. The attic is unfinished, unpartitioned, poorly lighted, and dusty, and has no equipment for users of the records. Twenty nine per cent of the auditor's records are housed here.

Review

The housing of Rush County public records presents no very difficult problem: Housing conditions altogether are unusually good, and such conditions as are not highly satisfactory can easily be corrected. Shelving is needed in the clerk's record room and the auditor's office and record room, but there is ample space in those rooms for an adequate amount of shelving.

The attic, of course, is open to improvement. Shelving should be installed to house the records, and that portion devoted to the records should be partitioned from the rest of the attic; lighting here should also be remedied and the room should be cleaned. With these reforms accomplished, the housing of Rush County records will be entirely satisfactory.

4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Acts	(Session) Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, "Acts"). By authority ... (of the) Secretary of State (of Indiana)
agr. agt.	agricultural agent, agricultural agent's
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
approx.	approximately
arr.	arranged
art.	article
assr.	assessor, assessor's
aud.	auditor, auditor's
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
bsmt.	basement
Burns	Burns, Harrison, editor. Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all Acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1933. 12 vols. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. (c1933 and 1934) with Supplement 1936 in pocket in back cover. (Year is given in reference only in citations to supplement. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.)
c.	copyright (before date)
C.C.	County Courthouse

ch.	chapter
chron.	chronologically, chronological
clk.	clerk, clerk's
comr.	commissioner, commissioners, commissioner's, commissioners'
Const.	Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows)
cor.	coroner, coroner's
hdw.	handwritten
hi. sup.	highway supervisor, highway supervisor's
hlth. offr.	health officer, health officer's
ibid.	ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana; Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state court reports).
Laws Ind. Terr.	Laws of Indiana Territory, The: 1801-1809. Edited by Francis S. Philbrick. Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library: Vol. 21. Reprinted with supplementary Indiana material. Indianapolis, Ind. Historical Bureau, 1931.
Laws N.W. Terr.	Laws of the Northwest Territory, The: 1788-1800. Edited by Theodore Calvin Pease. Illinois State Historical Library Law Series: Vol. 1. Springfield, Ill. Reprinted by the Illinois State Bar Association. (c1925)
mi.	mile
n.	north
ne.	northeast

no., nos.	number, numbers
nw.	northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
pr. frm.	printed form
pt.	part
pros. atty.	prosecuting attorney, prosecuting attorney's
q.v.	which see
rec.	record
recr.	recorder, recorder's
Rev. Laws 1831	Revised Laws of Indiana, ... enacted by general assembly at their fifteenth session ... Published by authority of the general assembly. Indianapolis, 1831.
Rev. Stat. 1843	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana passed at the twenty-seventh session of the general assembly ... Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1843.
1 Rev. Stat. 1852 2 Rev. Stat. 1852	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, passed at the thirty-sixth session of the general assembly ... 2 vols. Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1852.
Rev. Stat. 1881	Revised Statutes of Indiana ... Collated and annotated by James S. Frazer, John B. Stotsenburg, and David Turpie, Commissioners. By authority of the general assembly Chicago, Ill. B. B. Myers and Company, 1881.
rm.	room
s.	south

sec.	section
se.	southeast
shf.	sheriff, sheriff's
spc. sess.	special session
stat.	statutes
stg.	storage
suppl.	supplement
sur.	surveyor, surveyor's
supt., supt. sch.	superintendent, superintendent's, superintendent of schools
sw.	southwest
tr.	treasurer, treasurer's
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
vt.	vault
wfr.	welfare
--	current
'	feet, feet
"	inch, inches

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving its legal status and functions.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, marked 1, the marking is omitted; if otherwise marked, except by dates, marking is given.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Subtitles or variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of arrangement or indexing.

3. Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location. The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is given in the entry, except, as stated in the legal status, in cases where all, or the majority, of the records are in one room.

III. Cross-references made to other entries.

1. For records which have relative functions.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the dates are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entries consist of title, dates, and description only.

I. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member is elected by the electorate of the entire county. (1) Rush County has had a board of commissioners from its creation in 1822, as provided in the acts of 1817, (2) and the revised statutes of 1852. (3)

The board was intended to be the administrative and executive head of the county. In 1899 the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council (q.v.) which was then created. (4)

The board of commissioners is a corporate body with powers to sue and be sued, and possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations. (5) It meets in regular session every month on the first Monday and in special sessions as called by the county auditor, its ex-officio clerk. (6)

Its principal functions are: Control of county property, allowance of claims against county, (7) letting of county contracts, supervision of contracts of maintenance of roads and bridges, (8) preparation of annual budget estimates, (9) and exercise of the right of eminent domain. (10) Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature, chiefly; to abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, (11) to establish libraries. (12) and hospitals, (13) to authorize payment of bounties, and to offer rewards. (14)

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of one district. Their powers were to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon lands to take gravel, and to give certificates of payment; and to appoint a clerk of the board. (15) An act of 1905 made the county auditor the clerk of the board. (16)

This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. (17)

This office was likewise abolished twenty years later, and supervision of highways was transferred to the surveyor (q.v.) unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor (q.v.). (18) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (19)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601, 26-602, 26-603.
(2) Acts 1817, ch. 14, sec. 1.
(3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601.
(4) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-515, 26-529, 26-532, 26-533.
(5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-606.
(6) Acts 1863; Burns 26-607.
(7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-620.
(8) Acts 1905; Burns 36-1301.
(9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-516.
(10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-2101.
(11) Acts 1859; Burns 26-701.

Court Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1822--. 26 vols. (1-26).

Record of proceedings concerning budgets, road contracts, bridges, ditches, and building repairs, showing bids for construction and erection of bridges, deeds for land sold on school fund mortgages, and petitions for roads and ditches. Indexed alph. by names of subject matter. 1822-Sept. 1901, hdw.; Oct. 7, 1901--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Vols., 1-24, 1822-1920, Recr. rec. rm.; vols., 25-26, 1921--, Aud. off.

Petitions

2. ROAD RECORD, 1822-71. 2 vols.

Record of petitions to vacate roads, showing report of viewers, petitions for changes in highway routes, and locations. Indexed alph. by names of petitions. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. rec. rm.

For later records, see entry 1.

3. DITCH RECORD, 1882-97. 3 vols. (1, 2, 2).

Record of petitions for ditches, showing name and number of ditch, work completed, by whom, and amount due. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. 1882-June 19, 1897, hdw.; June 20-Dec. 1897, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. rec. rm.

Requisitions, Bids, and Contracts

4. BIDDER'S RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of bids for county supplies, showing date bid opened, notice given, name of publication , location, name and address of

bidder, requisition number, and quantity purchased. Indexed alph. by names of bidders. Hdw. 320 pp. 14 x 13 x 2. Aud. off.

Claims and Allowances

5. CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1911--. 5 vols. (1-5). Record of claims allowed, showing name and address of claimant, nature and amount of claim, amount allowed, and warrant number. Indexed alph. by names of claimants. 1911-Dec. 28, 1931, hdw.; Dec. 1931--, typed. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3, Aud. off.

6. COMMISSIONERS' PAPERS, 1872--. 161 file boxes. Statements of obligations of county, showing claims for dependents, salaries, and expenses of townships. No index. 9 x 4 x 16. Aud. off.

7. PENSION APPLICATIONS, 1925-36. 2 file boxes. Applications for old age pensions, showing date, names of applicants and relatives, birth place, financial status, commissioners' approval, and amount. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. 16 x 10 x 6. Aud. off.

8. OLD AGE PENSION RECORD, 1933--. 2 vols. (A-K, L-Z). Record of applications for old age pensions, showing name and address of applicant, date of birth, age, marital status, term of residence in county and state, size of family, charitable institution record, and amount of property owned. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 271.

9. LEDGER OF OLD AGE PENSION, 1934--. 1 vol. Record of old age pensions, showing date, name and address, age, date claim filed, amount of pension, warrant number, financial

status, and claim against estate. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 10 x 3. Aud. off.

10. OLD AGE PENSION WARRANT, 1934--. 3 vols.
Record of warrants issued for the payment of old age pensions, showing date, warrant number, amount, name of payee, age, and address. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

Roads, Bridges, and Ditches

11. COMMISSIONERS' ROAD RECORD, 1920-27. 3 vols.
Transcripts of proceedings of the commissioners' court, showing date, name of road, names of property owners affected, name of contractor, type of work performed, and amount of contract. No index. Typed. 200 pp. 8 x 14 x 2½. Aud. off.

12. INDEX OF ROADS, 1833-34. 1 vol.
Record of names and locations of county roads, showing section, twp., range, terminal, names of reviewers, and remarks. Indexed alph. by names of townships. Hdw. 153 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 3/4. Aud. off.

13. LEDGER OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, 1853-81. 1 vol.
Record of cash accounts of all county expenses for the repair and upkeep of county roads and highways. No index. Hdw. 16 x 11 x 3. Tr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 11.

14. GRAVEL ROAD REPAIRS, 1914--. 23 file boxes.
Statements of cost of gravel road repairs, showing date, township, name of road, work performed and completed, cost, name of payee, description of work, hours worked, labor costs, rate of pay, material costs, and monthly balances. No index. 9 x 4 x 1½. Aud. rec. rm.

15. GRAVEL ROAD REPAIRS, 1918-28. 17 file boxes.
Original claims for gravel road repairs, showing date, nature of work, by whom repaired, amount, and balance due contractor. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

16. FREE TURNPIKE DIRECTOR, 1905-13. 7 file boxes.
Reports made to various turnpike directors of various turnpike conditions, showing name, location, and description. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

17. DITCH PAPERS, 1928--. 8 file boxes (A-Z).
Report of ditch work performed, showing date, twp., name of ditch, work completed, type, and description. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. 9 x 4 x 18. Recr. rec. rm.

18. DITCH REPORTS, 1884-1919. 3 file boxes.
Reports of ditches and claims filed for construction and repairs, showing date, and names of ditch, and claimants. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years and must be resident freeholders of thd county. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. The council elects its president from its membership, and the auditor acts as its clerk. The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (1) The inception date of this board in Rush County is 1899.

The regular annual meeting is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, of imposing the tax levy, and of making appropriations, (2) and continues from day to day until its business is completed. (3) Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. (4) Sessions must be public. (5) Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority of all members; and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances: (6) a three-fourths vote to increase or insert an item in the budget estimates submitted by the county agencies through the auditor; (7) a two-thirds vote to make additional appropriations at special meetings. (8)

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriation of money to be paid out of the county treasury. (9)

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials, (10) as well as emergency appropriations. (11)

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds. (12) No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of $1,000 or more is made without authorization by the council. (13)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532.
(2) Acts 1899; Burns 26-507.
(3) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508.
(4) Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507.
(5) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508.
(6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-511.
(7) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520.
(8) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521.
(9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-515.
(10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-620.
(11) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521.
(12) Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532.
(13) Acts 1899; Burns 26-534.

19. RECORD COUNTY COUNCIL, 1899--. 2 vols. (1,2). Minutes of proceedings of council, showing business transacted, members attending, action taken on finances of county, budget, appropriations, and tax matters discussed. No index. 1899-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 580 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

20. COUNTY COUNCIL PAPERS, 1899--. 7 file boxes. Minutes of the proceedings of the council, showing ordinances prepared for appropriations for roads, bridges, and county expenses, budget preparations, date, and names of members present. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. 5 boxes, 1899-1928, Aud. rec. rm.; 2 boxes, 1929--, Aud. off.

III. CLERK

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office for more than eight years of any twelve-year period. (1) Prior to 1851, the office of clerk functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (2) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1822.

The clerk of the circuit court also serves, by statutory provisions, as clerk of any and all county courts and as such is required to keep a set of dockets and records for the courts. (3)

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county and as a member of the various county election boards. (4) In discharging his election duties he is required to keep records of all elections in the county, (5) issue certificates of election to successful candidates, (6) and act as clerk to the commissioners appointed by the circuit court to make a recount in contested elections. (7)

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licehses; (8) professional licenses, such as physicians', (9) dentists', (10) and optometrists'; (11) hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses; (12) business licenses, such as poultry dealers' (13) and junk dealers'; (14) and permits to carry firearms. (15) He approves the bonds of county officers, (16) and approves and files the bonds of notaries. (17) He is required to keep a nurses' register (18) and a record of firm and partnership certificates, (19) and he also records many legal instruments.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2; Burns 49-2701.
(2) Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 8.
(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706.
(4) Acts 1933; Burns 29-306.
(5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404.
(6) Acts 1881; Burns 29-1501.
(7) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 29-2103.
(8) Acts 1852; Burns 44-201.
(9) Acts 1897; Burns 63-1302.
(10) Acts 1913; Burns 63-306.
(11) Acts 1907; Burns 63-1009.
(12) Acts 1927; Burns 11-302.
(13) Acts 1917; Burns 48-1407.
(14) Acts 1905; Burns 42-703.
(15) Acts 1925; Burns 10-4721.
(16) Acts 1852; Burns 29-105.
(17) Acts 1852; Burns 49-3503.
(18) Acts 1905; Burns 63-903.
(19) Acts 1909; Burns 50-201.

Elections

Voters

21. REGISTRATION RECORD, 1935--. 101 vols.

Record of registration of persons over 21 years of age, for the purpose of voting, showing registration no., names of person, twp., town, or city; street address, age, and precinct moved from. Indexed alph. by names of voters. Hdw. 92 pp. 16 x 11 x ¼. Aud. off.

22. RECORD OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD RESIDENCE, 1890-92. 1 vol.

Record of statements by voters, of intention to take up residence in the county, showing date of notice, name of person, age, twps., town or city, address, and nos. of ward and precinct. Indexed alph. by names of voters. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Candidates

23. ELECTION EXPENSE, 1915-26. 1 file box.

Statements of candidates' campaign expenses, showing date, costs of advertising, stationary, and photography, names of elected and defeated candidates, and office to which elected. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

Returns

24. ELECTION RETURNS, 1822-1929. 6 file boxes.
Election returns, showing date, results of elections, names of candidates and office, total votes cast for each candidate, party application , and residence. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 25.

25. RUSH COUNTY ELECTION RECORD, 189-1926. 1 vol.
Record of ballots distributed to each precinct, showing date, name of inspector , and sample of ballots. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

26. SPECIAL ELECTION, 1917. 2 file boxes.
Results of special elections of judges because of an emergency declared, showing date, name of person elected, age, and former official position held. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

Official Bonds

County

27. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1861--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Record of bonds posted by county officials, showing date, names of officials and sureties, amount of bond, and term and conditions of bond. Indexed alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 604 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 3 vols., Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., Clk. off.

Townships

28. RECORD OF JUSTICE'S AND CONSTABLE'S BONDS, 1897-1927. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by justices of peace and constables, showing amount of bond, term of office, date, and name of surety. . Indexed alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 27.

Miscellaneous

29. RECORD OF NOTARY BONDS, 1876--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of bonds posted to qualify as notaries, showing name, term of office, amount and condition of bond, affidavit of bondsman, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of notaries. Hdw. 286 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 21 vols., 1876-1934, Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1935--, Clk. off.

30. NOTARY BONDS, 1822-1881. 3 file boxes.

Bonds of notaries public, showing date bond posted, names of notary and surety, amount, and oatn. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

License

Marriage
(See also entry 268)

31. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1822--. 24 vols. (1-24).

Title Varies: Application for Marriage License.

Record of applications for and marriage licenses issued, showing

date, names and ages of both parties, birth places, addresses, parents' names and residence, and names of witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of grooms. 1822-Mar.28,1845, hdw.; Mar. 29, 1844--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

32. GENERAL INDEX OF MARRIAGES, 1828--. 4 vols. (1-4). Index to entry 31, showing names of bride and groom, dates of issue and marriage, and volume and page numbers. Arr. alph. by names of grooms. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

33. MARRIAGE RETURNS, 1822-1930. 10 file boxes. Title varies:

Marriage Record.

Marriage return certificates, showing date, names of parties to nuptials and of witnesses, and name of official performing rites. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 31.

Professional

34. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE RECORD, 1885--. 1 vol. Record of persons applying for physician's licenses, showing name of applicant, age, residence, name of school of medicine attended, and dates of graduation and license. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

35. DENTIST RECORD, 1899--. 2 vols. Record of licenses required of dentists, showing name, age, location of office, name of school attended, and years of training. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 296 pp. 17 x 11 x 1½. Clk. rec. rm.

Business

36. PETTY MONEY LENDERS' LICENSE, 1913-17. 1 vol.
Record of applications for licenses to loan money by small loan companies, showing names of town, county, and loan company, date, location of business, and affidavit. No index. Hdw. 292 pp. 12 x 10 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

37. APPLICATION FOR SIRE LICENSE, 1886-1919. 1 vol.
Record of licenses issued to owners of sires, showing date, names of owner and stallion, description of animal, date of birth, and breeding and pedigree. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Certificates

38. REGISTER OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1876--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Register of certificates of collateral to protect insurance writings and coverage, showing date filed, names of company and agent, date of organization, assets , liabilities, and capital stock. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

39. INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1913-18. 6 file boxes.
Old certificates on county property, showing date, amount, kind, location of property insured, term, and name and assets of insuring company. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

40. INHERITANCE TAX, 1914--. 3 file boxes.
Inheritance tax schedules filed with assessor, showing date, amount of tax, and names of person or companies making payment. No index.

16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

For other records, see entry 233.

41. GUN PERMITS, 1931-32. 1 file box.

Gun permits issued, showing name of person issued to, position or rank, reason, date of permit, and court approval. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

42. PATENT RIGHT, 1869--. 1 vol.

Record of papers issued to patentee, showing date, name, type of patent, term, and whether original patent or an improvement. No index. Hdw. 438 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Registers

43. ESTRAY BOOKS, 1822-93. 4 vols.

Record of sworn statements of losses of livestock, and damages resulting from injuries, showing date, name of owner, kind and value of stock, number of head, total damages, and appraised value. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

44. ENROLLMENT OF SOLDIERS, 1861. 1 vol.

Record of soldiers enlisted in Civil War, showing name, age, residence, and nationality or race. No index. Hdw. 16 x 10 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

45. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1912--. 8 vols. (1-2,1-3,4-6). Title varies: Vols. 1-2, 1912-24, Cash Book of Disbursements; vols. 1-3, 1912-24, Cash Book of Receipts.

Record of daily receipts, disbursements, and balances, showing date, name of depository, amount of daily deposits, cash on hand, and total balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

46. LEDGER, 1852-94. 6 vols. (1-3, and 3 vols. not numbered). Record of all county funds, showing amounts credited and debited, date, and balance in each fund. Indexed alph. by names of funds. Hdw. 230 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Map

47. RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, not dated. 1 map. Political map, showing secs., farms, corners, twps., and ranges of county. Printed. No scale given. 52 x 38. Clk. off.

IV. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, elected in each judicial circuit for a term of two years. (1) He is required to post bond to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed with the clerk. (2)

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of prosecuting attorney existed by virtue of an act of 1831. A prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit was chosen by a joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives. (3) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1831.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to inquire into the commission of any felony or misdemeanor received on information. (4) He conducts all prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors in Rush County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects interest of all persons of unsound mind, superintends on behalf of the county any of its trust funds, and defends all suits in which the same may be interested. (3)

The prosecuting attorney may take acknowledgements to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and checks, takes depositions of witnesses, and perform and duty now conferred on a notary public.

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(1) Const., art. 7, sec. 11; 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501.
(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2502.
(3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2503.
(5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2504.
(6) Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507.

No records could be found.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court was created by the Constitution of 1816, and re-created by the Constitution of 1851. (1) The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people of the circuit and serves for a term of six years. (2) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1822, the organization date of the county. The sixty-fifth circuit comprises Rush County.

The court has general local jurisdiction of law, equity, and criminal cases, and actions for divorce. It has original jurisdiction of the settlement of decedent's estates and guardianships and all other causes, matters, and proceedings. It has such appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred by law. (3)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Const., art. 7, sec. 1.
(2) Const., art. 7, sec. 9.
(3) Acts 1881; Burns 4-303.

Change of Venue

48. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORD, 1902--. 3 vols. (1-3). Record of court cases venued, showing name of county to which transferred, dates of filing and judgment, names of plaintiff, defendant and jurors, proceedings of court, number of days served by jurors, and expense of trial. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 291 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 2 vols., 1902-Oct. 1933, Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1933--, Clk. off.

Civil and Criminal Causes
(See also entries 108-109).

49. CIRCUIT COURT, 1820--. 500 file boxes.

Record of all civil and criminal cases tried in circuit court, showing no. and title of cause, names of parties concerned, date, amount involved, and proceedings of court. Alr. chron. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

50. ODDS AND ENDS- CIVIL CASES, 1876-1910. 3 file boxes.

Miscellaneous records of court cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, term of court, kind of suit, file no., and proceedings. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

51. STATE CASES, 1922-28. 2 file boxes.

Record of criminal cases tried in circuit court, showing no. of case, term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, course for action, court proceedings, action taken, and final judgment. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

52. AFFIDAVIT STATE, 1901--. 2 vols. (1-2). Title varies: Record of affidavits.

Record of affidavits filed in office of clerk of circuit court, showing cause no., name of defendant, charge, and date warrant issued. Index d alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 13 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

53. INDICTMENT RECORD, CIRCUIT COURT, 1870--. 11 vol. (2-12).

Record of indictments of circuit court, showing date, names of defendant and plaintiff, and nature of offense. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 598 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

54. CONVICTION RECORD, not dated. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of persons tried and convicted in circuit court, showing reason for indictment, plea, names of plaintiff and defendant, age, proceedings, sentence, residence, and instrument no. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 295 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

55. INSANE RECORD, 1916-29. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of sanity cases, showing date, names of guardians or relatives, and patient; age, sex, and race of patient, whether or not committed to an institution, name of institution, doctor's statement, case no., proceedings, order of commitment, and discharge. Indexed alph. by names of patients. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 57.

56. INQUEST OF INSANITY, 1890--. 12 file boxes. Title varies: Insanity.

Insanity inquest papers, showing date, name of insane person, course of insanity, age, disease characterestics, and place of commitment. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

57. EPILEPTIC RECORD, 1918-30. 1 vol.

Record of examination of epileptic persons, showing date, family history of patient, medical examination, and judge's order of admission. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

58. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1851--. 4 vols.

Record of applications for naturalization of aliens, showing name of alien and native country, date, age, date of entry into U. S.,

date of leaving old country, oath, and residence. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 105 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

59. RECEIVERSHIP RECORD, 1914--. 1 vol.

Record of business places operated under receivership, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, petitions to borrow money and to release or sell personal property, and final report of receiver. Indexed alph. by names of owners and receivers. 1919-Mar. 9, 1921, hdw.; 1914-19, March 9, 1921--, typed. 294 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

60. ASSIGNMENT RECORD, 1888--. 1 vol.

Record of assignment of personal property to satisfy debt, showing date, location and description of property, amount owed and assigned, and names of assignee and assignor. Indexed alph. by names of assignors. 1888-1913, hdw.; 1914-22, typed. 424 pp. 16 x 10 x 1½. Clk. rec. rm.

61. OPINIONS FROM SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURTS, 1907-16.
2 file boxes.

Record of the action of the supreme and appellate courts in cases appealed, showing date, no. of case, names of honorary justices, parties involved, and state, appealed from what court, and nature of complaint. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 67.

Court Proceedings
(See also entries 110-112)

62. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1915--.
24 vols. (1-24). Title varies: Vols. 1-2, 1915-17. Clerk's Entry Docket and Fee Book.

Record of the entry of all civil and criminal cases tried in circuit court, including court issues and fees, showing date of filing, cause no., names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, proceedings of court, amount of fee, name of payer, and date received. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 12 vols., 1915-Aug. 31, 1928, Clk. rec. rm.; 12 vols., Aug. 31, 1928--, Clk. off.

63. ENTRY DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1873--. 23 vols. (1-23).

Title varies: Vols. 1-2, State Entry Docket.

Record of entries of state and civil cases tried in circuit court, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, date of issue, action of court, and book and page nos. in order book. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

64. ISSUE DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1853--. 36 vols.

Record of all issues in circuit court, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, kind of action, sheriff's return, and proceedings of court. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

65. COURT DOCKET, CIRCUIT, 1853--. 36 vols.

Record of court cases filed in circuit court, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, date, sheriff's return, kind of action, and proceedings of court. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

66. BAR DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1847-79. 4 vols. (2, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of circuit court cases, showing date, names of plaintiff,

defendant, and their attorneys, and briefs of proceedings in court. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 67.

67. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, 1822--. 73 vols. (1-73). Title varies: Order Book.

Record of civil and state cases tried in circuit court, showing date, term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, and orders of the court. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1822-1901, hdw.; 1902--, typed. 598 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

68. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1843--. 20 vols. (C-G, 1-2, 2-14).

Vol. 1, missing. Title varies: Transfer Judgment Docket. Record of all judgments ordered in circuit court, showing names of judgment debtor, and defendant, dates of rendition and recognizance, amount of judgment and bail, cost, and receipt of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 280 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

69. GENERAL INDEX OF JUDGMENT, 1833--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Index to entry 68, showing book and page nos., amount rendered, names of judgment debtor and creditor, and date of satisfaction, and judgment. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

70. COMPLETE RECORD, CIRCUIT COURT, 1853--. 25 vols. (1-21, 23-26).

Record of all cases tried in circuit court, showing date, names of

parties to action, and their attorneys, case no., cause, proceedings, published affidavits, and final disposition of case. Indexed alph, by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 620 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Executions
(See also entries 156-157)

71. EXECUTION PRAECIPE, 1928--. 2 vols.

Record of orders of attorneys to the clerk to furnish transcripts of legal papers relating to cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, and dates filed and completed. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 8 x 2. Clk. off.

72. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1823--. 14 vols. (1, 1, 1, B-K, H). 1840-52, missing.

Record of execitions of circuit court judgments, showing date of issue, kind of writ, names of judgment debtor and creditor, and cost. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 13 vols., 1823-1935, Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1935--, Clk. off.

73. EXECUTIONS, 1914-20. 1 file box.

Original execution papers, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, case no., kind of action, proceedings, and amount of judgment. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

74. LIS PENDENS, SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATES, 1877--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of certificates of sale issued by sheriff, showing date,

report of sale, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, kind of action, proceedings, amount received, cost, principal and interest, and signature of sheriff. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

75. LIS PENDENS, CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION AND ENTRY OF REDEMPTION, 1886--. 1 vol.

Record of property redeemed after having been sold for taxes, showing date of entry, names of claimant and witnesses, description of property, and certificate of redemption. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

76. ORDER OF SALE, 1921--. 3 file boxes.

Record of real estate sold due to mortgage foreclosures, showing number and amount of warrant, date of order, place and amount of sale, and name of executor or auctioneer. No index. 16 x 17 x 4½. Clk. rec. rm.

77. REDEMPTION RECORD, 1880-91. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of affidavits and statements in redemption of property sold for taxes, showing date, names of claimant and clerk's witness, description of property, and certificate of redemption. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 296 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 67.

78. CLERK'S SUPPORT DOCKET, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of support money paid out by clerk, showing number of cause, name of party, date order is made, date and amount received, and

date and amount disbursed. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 294 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

Probate Causes

79. ESTATES AND GUARDIANSHIPS, 1822--. 530 file boxes.

Papers pertaining to estates and guardianships, showing date, names of estates, executor, guardian, and ward, location, description, and valuation of estate, and age of ward. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

80. PROBATE ESTATES AND GUARDIANSHIPS, 1832--. 302 file boxes. (Numbering varies).

Papers concerning probate estates and guardianships, showing names of deceased, relations, attorneys, administrator, and guardians, case number, description, location, and value of estate, proceedings of court, and administration of estate. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

81. ODD AND ENDS-PROBATE, (PROBATE COURT PAPERS), 1870-1911. 2 file boxes.

Miscellaneous papers of probate court proceedings, showing date, names of parties involved, cause of action, and court's decision. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

82. GENERAL INDEX OF ESTATE, 1879--. 4 vols. (1-4).

General index of estates, showing names of estate, administrator, and decedent, and book and page numbers of estate record. Arr. alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 640 pp. 12 x 10 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

83. GENERAL INDEX OF GUARDIANSHIPS, 1836--. 4 vols. (1-3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

General index of guardianships, showing names of ward and guardian, date discharged, bond record, and order book and page no. Arr. alph. by names of wards. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

84. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1874--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of bonds posted and letters filed to qualify as administrator, showing date, names of administrator, sureties, and estate, and amount of bond. Indexed alph. by names of administrators. Hdw. 578 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 5 vols., 1874-June 4, 1935, Clk. rec. rm.; 2 vols., June 4, 1935--, Clk. off.

85. BONDS TO SELL REAL ESTATE, 1828-38. 1 file box.

Guardian's bonds to sell real estate, showing date and amount of bond, names of guardian, estate, and surety, and date of approval. No index. 16 x 17 x 15. Clk. rec. rm.

86. EXECUTOR'S BOND RECORD, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1855--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of bonds posted and letters filed to qualify as executor, showing names of deceased, surety, and executor, date of death, letter, and amount and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by names of executors. Hdw. 265 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. 2 vols., Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., Clk. off.

87. GUARDIAN'S BOND RECORD, 1848--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of bonds posted by guardian, showing date, amount and condition of bond, and names of sureties, guardian and witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of guardians. Hdw. 448 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 5 vols., 1848-1934, Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1935--, Clk. off.

88. INVENTORY RECORD, 1843--. 16 vols. (2-15, C-D). Title varies: Inventory and Sale Record.

Record of inventory, showing date, names of estate and appraiser, description of property, appraised value, and amount of debts. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 12 vols., 1843-1927, Clk. rec. rm.; 4 vols., 1927--, Clk. off.

89. SALE BILL RECORD, 1878--. 7 vols. (1-7). Title varies: Record of Sale.

Record of sale of personal property of decedents, showing date, names of estate, decedent, sureties, and purchaser, number on inventory, description of items, and amount of sale. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

90. WILL RECORD, 1822--. 9 vols. (1-9).

Record of wills, showing date, names of testator, heirs, and witnesses, and amount of bequests. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1822-May 3, 1899, hdw.; May 1899--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. off.

91. WILLS, 1927--. 3 file boxes.

Original wills, showing date, names of testator, witnesses, and heirs, amount of bequests, and age and residence of testator. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

92. GENERAL INDEX OF PETITION TO QUIET TITLE, 1843--. 1 vol.

Record of petitions to quiet titles, showing date, names of petitioners, final entries, and description and location of land. Arr. alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. Condition poor. 500 pp. 12 x 10 x 3. Clk. off.

Proceedings in Probate Causes

93. ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1896--. 15 vols. (8-22).

Record of estate entries, claims allowed, and fees charged, showing dates of letters, decedent's death, and claim; names of estate, administrator or executor, sureties and claimant; amount of bond, value of estate, amount and kind of claim or fee, and amount allowed. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 420 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

94. APPEARANCE AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1859-95. 7 vols. (1-7).

Title varies: Appearance Docket.

Record of claims on estates and amount allowed, showing date, names of administrator or executor, sureties, and estate; appearance docket and page number; bond record, and page number; complete record, and page number; claim number, nature of claim, amount allowed, date transferred to issue docket, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 296 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 93.

95. PROBATE ORDER BOOKS, 1822--. 45 vols. (1-44, 1).

Record of cases in settlement of estates, showing date, names of estate, administrator or executor and heirs; and kind and number of case. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1822-May 16, 1899, hdw.; May 16, 1899--, typed. 473 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Rcer. rec. rm.

96. VACATION ORDER BOOK, 1867-1921. 3 vols. (1-3).

Subtitled: Appointment of Guardians: Appointment of

Administrators and Guardians: Appointment of Administrators. Record of appointment of clerk of circuit court to perform the duties of legally appointed administrators or guardians during their absense, showing names of estate, administrator or guardian, and heir, date, and amount and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by names of heirs and estates. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 67.

97. ORDER BOOK, TRANSCRIPTS TO BIND REAL ESTATE, 1876--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of order by the court to keep owner from selling real estate because of judgment, showing names of owner and judgment holder, date, description and location of real estate, and amount of judgment. Indexed alph. by names of owners. 1876-May 2, 1923, hdw.; May 3, 1923--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

98. COMPLETE RECORD, PROBATE, 1830--. 26 vols. (1-26).

Complete record of all probate cases, showing date, names of estate, administrator or executor, guardian, wards, and heirs; amounts of estates and debts, and administrator's reports. Indexed alph. by names of estates. 1830-Nov. 3, 1911, hdw.; Nov. 30, 1911--. typed. 584 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1830-1925, Clk. rec. rm.; 1926--, Clk. off.

99. COMPLETE RECORD PARTITION, 1853--. 13 vols. (1-13).

Ttile varies: Partition Record.

Record of petition by heirs to have an estate divided for settlement, showing date, names of petetioners and estate, and location and description of property. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. 1887-1901, hdw.; 1902--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 18 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Juvenile Causes

Proceedings in Juvenile Causes

100. JUVENILE COURT PAPERS, 1816-1906. 3 file boxes.
Papers in juvenile cases, showing date, term of court, names of juvenile and guardian, cause of action, and court decree. No index. 16 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

101. JUVENILE ORDER BOOK, 1909-23. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of juvenile cases, showing date, term of court, name of child, nature of offense, and court action. Indexed alph. by names of juveniles. 1909-June 7, 1919, hdw.; June 7, 1919-23, typed. 62 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1909-June 7, 1919, Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1919-23, Clk. off.

Fees and Cash Records

102. RECORD OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1915--. 5 vol. (1-5).
Record of funds held in trust, showing dates received and disbursed, title of cause, amount, and names of payer and payee. Indexed alph. by names of payers. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 4 vols., 1915-Dec. 1, 1932, Clk. rec. rm.; 2 vols., Dec. 2, 1933--, Clk. off.

103. FEE BOOK, 1857--. 20 vols. (1-4, 6-21). Subtitled: Rush Circuit Court; Rush County, and Civil.
Record of fees collected by clerk, showing dates, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause number, and amount of fees. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

104. STATE FEE BOOK, RUSH CIRCUIT COURT, 1881--. 17 vols. (1-17).

Record of fees paid to county on state cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant and attorneys, date, total amount of fees, and number and kind of case. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

105. FINES AND FORFEITURES, Feb. 15, - July 19, 1910. 1 vol.

Record of fines and forfeitures, showing name of payer, amount collected, date paid, and docket page. No index. Hdw. 105 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 67.

106. WITNESS DOCKET, 1884-1917. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of witness fees, showing names of witnesses, plaintiff, and defendant, days spent, number of miles traveled, total cost for witness fees, cause number, and amount of fees charged plaintiff and defendant. No index. Hdw. 296 pp. 18x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

107. CLERK CERTIFICATE, 1885-1904. 1 vol.

Record of receipts of allowances issued by clerk of court, showing state, county, court term, date, name of witness, and amount of allowance. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Clk. rec. rm.

VI. COMMON PLEAS COURT

The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852, effective in Rush County in 1853. The judge was elected for a term of four years. (1)

The court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians for persons of unsound mind and other disabilities; in matters relatin to executors and administrators; (2) in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars, except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, and an action on an official bond, or where the title of real estate was in issue; (3) and criminal jurisdiction in cases which were not felonies, except those triable by the justice of the peace. (4)

At the time of the creation of this court, cases pending which came under the new jurisdiction, were transferred from the circuit court to the common pleas court. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished in 1873 and the jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. Pending cases continued to be entered in common pleas records until completion of the suits. (5)

All the records are located in clerk's record room, in the courthouse, and are with other court records, in the custody of the clerk of the circuit court.

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(1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 1.
(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 4.
(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 11.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1. ch. 8, sec. 14.
(5) Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80 .

Civil and Criminal Causes
(See also entries 49-61)

108. CIVIL, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-73. 23 file boxes. Papers on civil cases, showing date of trial, names of judge, plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, and court's decision. No index. 16 x 12 x 5.

109. INDICTMENT RECORD, COMMON PLEAS, 1853-70. 2 vols. (1, 1). Record of indictments, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, and nature of offense. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 598 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Court Proceedings
(See also entries 62-70)

110. ISSUE DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS, 1853-74. 30 vols. (1-30). Record of all court issues, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and estate; cause no., nature of case, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 95.

111. COURT DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS, 1853-74. 30 vols. (1-30). Record of cases filed, showing names of heirs, estate, and administrator; kind of action, cause no., proceedings of court, dates, and disposition of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 95.

112. ORDER BOOK, RUSH COUNTY, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853--.
8 vols. (1-8)

Record of orders issued, showing date, term of court, names of plaintiff. and defendant, and amount of judgment. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 584 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 67.

VII. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four years and is required to post bond. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (2) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1822, the organization date of the county.

The title of this officer describes his functions: To make and preserve a public record of legal documents for officials and private persons as required by law. Of the many kinds of instrments recorded the more important are: Deeds, mortgages, and apprentices' indentures, (3) satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments of any kind, (4) releases, (5) mechanics' liens, (6) and leases. (7)

The recorder is also required to keep a record of articles of incorporation filed in his office, (8) and certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana. (9) There are also on file in the office of the recorder, records of cemetery deeds, (10) cemetery associations, (11) farm names, (12) and chattel mortgages. (13)

The records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Burns 49-3201.
(2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
(3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3210.
(4) Acts 1906; Burns 49-3203.
(5) Acts 1931 spc. sess.; Burns 2-2519.
(6) Acts 1909; Burns 43-703.
(7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875, 1913, 1921, 1923; Burns 56-119.
(8) Acts 1929; Burns 25-219.
(9) Acts 1929; Burns 25-305.
(10) Acts 1925; Burns 21-223.
(11) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 25-1520.
(12) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3230.
(13) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1897; Burns 33-301.

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

113. DEED RECORD, 1822--. 100 vols. (A-1,K-Z,1-75).
Record of deeds, showing time of recording, description and location of real estate, amount of consideration, names of grantor and grantee, title of estate and names of heirs, and date. Indexed alph. by names of grantors and grantees. 1822-Feb. 1903, hdw.; Feb. 1903--, typed. 673 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

114. DEED INDEX, 1822--. 18 vols. (2 sets, 1-9).
Index to deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, date, and volume and page of Deed Record.. Arr. alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 673 pp. 18 x 10 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

115. DEEDS, 1822--. 34 file boxes.
Original deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, location and description of land, amount of consideration, signature of principal, and date. No index. 10 x 4 x 3. 52 boxes, 1822-1927, Recr. rec. rm.; 2 file drawers, 1927--, Recr. off.

116. SHERIFF'S DEED RECORDS, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of sheriff's deeds, showing date of sale, description and location of real estate, amounts realized, names of owner and of purchaser. Indexed alph. by names of former owners. 1911-Apr.1902, hdw.; Apr. 1902--,typed. 672 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

117. CEMETERY(DEED)RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol.
Record of warrants and quiet claim deeds to cemetery lots, and certificates to mausoleums, showing lot number, location, amount,

and name of purchaser. Indexed alph. by names of purchasers. Typed. 580 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 113.

118. TAX TITLE DEEDS, 1871--. 1 vol.

Record of titles to real estate sold to satisfy unpaid tax claims, showing date sold, description and location of property, names of original owner and purchaser, amount realized at sale, and page number in deed record. Indexed alph. by names of original owners and purchasers. Hdw. 207 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

For sales record, see entry 199.

119. DEED RECORD PARTITION, 1881--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of deeds by partition action, showing date, names of petitioners, location and description of property, and partition by court. Indexed alph. by names of former owners. 1881-Jan.16,1902, 1923--, hdw.; Apr. 2, 1902-23, typed. 672 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

120. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911-33. 1 vol.

Record of deeds in which adverse claims to title were removed through court order, showing date, description of property, transcript of court order, and names of plaintiff and defendant. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1911-Mar.17,1927,typed; Mar.17, 1927-33, hdw. 584 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

121. QUIET TITLE INDEX, 1911-33. 1 vol.

Index to quiet title records, showing volume, and page, names of plaintiff and defendant, and date of recording. Arr. alph. Typed. 584 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 113.

122. WILL RECORD, 1843--. 8 vols.

Record of wills, showing names of testator , witnesses, and heirs, provision of will, signature of testator and witnesses, and date. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1843-1906, hdw.; 1906--, typed. 672 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Mortgages and Releases

Real Estates

123. MORTGAGE RECORD (REAL ESTATE), 1847--. 74 vols. Numbering varies.

Record of mortgages, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of property, amount of consideration, and signatures of principals. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. 1847-77, and 1902--, hdw.; Jan.1877-Apr. 1902, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

124. MORTGAGE INDEX, 1826--. 19 vols. (1-9,1-9, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Index to mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, kind of instrument, date and amount of mortgage, description of property, date of recording and satisfaction, and mortgage record and page no. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

125. REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES, 1922--. 33 file boxes (A-Z, and 7 boxes not lettered).

Original mortgage papers, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount of mortgage,interest rate, and date due. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. 10 x 4 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

Chattels

126. CHATTEL MORTGAGE MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of chattel mortgages, showing time of filing mortgage, no., names of mortgagors and mortgagees, date of mortgage, amount, and description of chattels. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 297 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

127. MORTGAGE RECORD (CHATTELS), 1882--. 47 vols. Numbering varies.

Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagee and mortgagor, amount, description of chattels, and dates recorded and due. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. 1882-1902, hdw.; 1902--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 123.

128. (CHATTEL MORTGAGES), 1922--. 32 file boxes; 3 file drawers.

Original mortgage papers, showing date, name of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, and description and location of chattel. No index. Drawers, 38 x 18 x 3; boxes, 10 x 4 x 3. Recr. pvt. off.

School Funds
(See also entries 204-216,254-256)

129. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1857--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of school fund mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount of mortgage, and date. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 480 pp. 8 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

Assignments and Releases

130. RELEASES, 1907-27. 7 file boxes. (A-D,F, and 2 boxes not labeled).

Original lien papers filed to secure payment for labor or material which have been released by payment of claim, showing date filed, amount of claim, and names of lien holder and property owner. No index. 10 x 4 x 8. Recr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 137.

Liens

131. SIRE LIEN RECORD, 1892-1917. 1 vol.

Record of liens for service of sire, showing name of owner of animal, kind and sex of animal, amount of lien, signature of owner, and date. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 558 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

Register of Legal Instruments

132. ENTRY BOOK, (Mortgages and Deeds), 1883--. 10 vols. (2-11).

Record of instruments recorded, showing time of recording, date, no. and kind of instrument, name of party, amount of consideration, no. of record, page, and amount of charges. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 20 x 18 x 2½. Recr. off.

133. AFFIDAVIT RECORD, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of sworn statements affirming certain facts concerning

instruments or documents recorded, showing name of principal, affidavit, and date. Indexed alph. by names of affiants. Typed. 660 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

134. FARM NAMES, 1913-30. 1 vol.

Record of farm names, showing date filed, names of owner and farm, and description, location, and acreage of farm. Indexed alph. by names of farms. Hdw. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

135. REPORTS OF 1934-35-36, 1934--. 3 file drawers.

Recorder's monthly report to the auditor, showing date, amount of fees collected and paid to treasurer, and treasurer's quietus. No index. 21 x 11 x 2. Recr. off.

136. UNFINISHED PAPERS(Quit Claim Transcripts), 1935--. 1 file drawer.

File of transcripts and quit claims, showing date, kind of instrument, name of principal, and amount of consideration. No index. 21 x 11 x 2. Recr. off.

Miscellaneous Records

137. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1856--. 17 vols. (1-17).

Record of various instruments and documents recorded, including mechanic's liens, soldier's exemptions, sire liens, soldier's discharges, and ditch liens, showing date, and kind of document. Indexed alph. by names of parties recording. Hdw. 672 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

Fee and Cash Books

138. RECORDER'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1858--. 7 vols. Numbering varies. Title varies: Register of Fees.

Record of cash and fees, showing kind of receipt, and date. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Recr. off.

Maps and Plats

139. TRACT BOOK, 1820-35. 1 vol.

Record of sales of government lands in Rush County, showing description, location, and acreage of land sold, date of sale, and name of purchaser. No index. Hdw. 86 pp. 18 x 11 x 1. Recr. rec. rm.

140. PLAT BOOK, RUSH COUNTY, 1836-90. 2 vols. (1-2).

Maps and plats of Rush County, showing cities and towns, public buildings, roads, streets, rivers, and original plats. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 119 pp. 18 x 17 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

141. RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, 1919. 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing twps., cities, towns, farms, roads, highways, railroads, interurbans, and rivers. Drawn by Frank L. Catt, Engineer, Rushville, Ind., Colored print. No scale given. 50 x 38. Recr. rec. rm.

142. OFFICIAL MAP OF RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, not dated. 1 map.

Comminications and political map, showing twps., schools, churches,

rivers, cemeteries, ranges, roads, railroads, and interurbans. Published by W.F. Cottingham and Co. Colored print. No scale given. 40 x 52. Recr. rec. rm.

143. RUSHVILLE, 1894. 1 map.
Political and communications map, showing streets and alleys, churches, schools, and important public and office buildings. Drawn by A. W. Stewart, Rushville, Ind. Black and white. Scale, 1" to 10 rods. 54 x 37. Recr. off.

144. ORIGINAL PLAT OF RUSHVILLE, 1812-81. 1 map.
Plat map, showing origninal additions, date platted, name of owner, and dimension of ground; and streets, alleys, roads, and rivers. Colored print. No scale given. 28 x 20. Recr. off.

145. MAP OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA, not dated. 1 map.
Political and communications map, showing additions, streets, alleys, public and important buildings, parks, dumps, railroads, interurbans, and cemeteries. Drawn by E. B. Thomas. Printed in colors. No scale given. 18 x 13. Recr. rec. rm.

146. EAST HILL CEMETERY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA, 1916. 1 map.
Plat map of cemetery, showing plats and burial lots, driveways and roadways leading to cemetery and neighboring towns, and locations of cemetery gates. Drawn by William Dill, Civil Engineer. Scale, 1" to 60'. 36 x 60. Recr. off.

147. MAP OF EAST HILL CEMETERY, 1918. 20 maps.
Plat maps of East Hill Cemetery, showing on separate sheets each of the 19 sections and their subdivisions into lots; also driveways, footways, and entrances. Drawn by Will Dill, Scale, 1" to 200'. 12 x 16½. Recr. off.

148. PLAT OF NEW ADDITION TO ARLINGTON CEMETERY, not dated. 1 map.

Plat map, showing land added to Arlington Cemetery, and its subdivisions into burial lots; also the driveways. Black and white. No scale given. 18" x 17". Recr. off.

149. BERKLEY PARK, RUSHVILLE, 1906.

Plat map of Berkley Park, showing subdivisions, drives, and footways; also names of donors of land , and additions to park. Black and white. No scale given. 16 x 13. Recr. off.

150. PLAT OF MEMORIAL PARK AND ADDITIONS, 1924. 1 plat.

Plat map of Memorial Park, showing land grants, lots, additions, driveways, and entrances. Drawn by Alonzo L. Steward and Co., and published by Simmions, Rushville, Ind. Scale, 1" to 100 ft. 31 x 168". Recr. off.

151. PLAT OF BELMONT, RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, 1909. 1 plat.

Plat, showing divisions, subdivisions, lots, and Charles A. Layman addition. Drawn by Stewart and Kennedy, Surveyors, Rushville, Ind. No scale given. 29½ x 15½. Recr. off.

152. PLAT OF THE STEWART AND TOMPKINS ADDITIONS, BELMONT, RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, 1911. 1 plat.

Plat of additions, showing divisions, subdivisions, and lots and their dimensions. Black and white. No scale given. 46 x 16. Recr. off.

153. PLAT OF WM.J. HENLEY'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE, RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, 1924. 1 plat.

Plat showing divisions, subdivisions, lots, and dimensions. Drawn

by F. L. Catt, Rushville, Ind. Black and white. Scale 1" to 100 ft. 17 x 18½. Recr. off.

154. PLAT OF WM.P. HENLEY'S ADDITION TO CARTHAGE, INDIANA, 1923.

Plat, showing divisions, subdivisions, lots, and dimensions in additions. Drawn by F. L. Catt, Rushville, Ind. Blueprint. No scale given. 15½ x 21. Recr. off.

155. GENERAL PLAN (Fifth Street, Clark ave, and Ft. Wayne Road), 1928. 1 map.

Surveyor's and engineer's map of the proposed improvements of portions of Fifth Street, Clark Ave, and Fort Wayne Road, showing proposed grades. Drawn by L. Stewart, Rushville, Ind. Scale, 1" to 100 ft. 23 x 55½. Recr. off.

VIII. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years. He must give a bond to insure faithful performance of his duties, and is required to take the usual oath of office. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of sheriff for more than four years in any period of six years. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of sheriff functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1822, the organization date of the county.

The sheriff is the conservator of peace within Rush County. He may arrest without process all persons, who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest. He is required to suppress all breaches of the peace and has authority to call to his aid the power of the county; pursue and commit to jail all felons; maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except justice of the peace courts. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it. (4) It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings. (5) He makes arrests of all persons on indictments, warrants, affidavits, and upon information received from the prosecutor or the court, and commits them to jail. (6)

As a court officer of Rush County he is required to make service of all process. (7) He sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings; (8) executes deeds to real estate sold on

executions; (9) conveys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions; (10) and attends sessions of the county council (11) and the county commissioners, (12) and executes their orders.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852;Burns 49-2801.
(2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
(3) Const., 1816, art. 4, sec. 25.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2802.
(5) Acts 1905; Burns 9-3310.
(6) Acts 1905; Burns 9-1001.
(7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2803.
(8) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 3-1819.
(9) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 2-4101.
(10) Acts 1905; Burns 9-2232.
(11) Acts 1899; Burns 26-510.
(12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611.

Executions and Reports
(See also entries 71-78)

156. DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1879--. 19 vols. (1-12,15-19, and 2 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Sheriff's Docket.

Record of sheriff's services in circuit court cases, showing case number, names of parties served, nature of writ, dates received, served, and returned, and sheriff and witness fees. Indexed by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 14 vols., 1879-1919, Shf. pvt. off.; 5 vols., 1920--, Snf. off.

157. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, COMMISSIONERS' COURT, 1888-1919. 1 vol.

Record of notices and writs served by sheriff out of commissioners' court, for hearings on highway petitions, ditch improvements, and change in election places, showing title of cause, nature of writ,

names of viewers, how and when served, notice posted, and fee charged. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Shf. pvt. off.

158. JAIL REGISTER, 1871--. 5 vols.

Record of persons confined to jail, showing date, name, color, residence, offense charged, amount of bail, date of trial, name of judge, decree of court, days in prison, cost of board, amounts of fees and costs, and total charged. Indexed alph. by names of prisoners. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 4 vols., 1871-March 31, 1906, Shf. pvt. off.; 1 vol., 1906--, Shf. home, in jail.

159. JURY PANEL, 1890--. 4 vols.

Record of jurors serving on grand and petit juries, showing names and addresses of jurors, date served, mileage, title of cause, dates called and dismissed, and total cost. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. 3 vols., 1890-Aug. 30,1927, Shf. pvt. off.; 1 vol., Sept. 7, 1927--, Shf. off.

160. SHERIFFIS MILEAGE RECORD, 1930--. 1 vol.

Record of sheriff's mileage and costs, showing name of person served, number and title of cause, name of court, mileage made, and total amount. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Shf. off.

161. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION SHERIFF, 1914--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of persons sworn to serve as election sheriffs, showing date of service, numbers of ward and precinct serving in, county chairman's approval, and expense account. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 280 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 1914-32, Shf. pvt. off.; 1932--, Shf. off.

162. (SERVICE AND FEE RECORD), 1889-93. 1 vol.

Record of miscellaneous entries, showing warrants and subpenas issued by the courts and served by sheriff, attorney's fees collected, summons served, payments of fines, fees, and dates of all

payments. No index. Hdw. 428 pp. 14 x 8 x 1½. Shf. pvt. off.

163. FOREIGN WRITS, 1872--. 3 vols. (1-2, 1).
Record of cases from adjoining counties, showing dates, name of county venued from, title of cause, subpenas and summons, name of litigant, and costs. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 2 vols., 1872-Feb. 10, 1914, Shf. pvt. off.; 1 vol., Feb. 25, 1914--, Shf. off.

164. INSANITY WARRANT, 1931--. 1 file box.
Petitions filed to have sanity inquests held on persons suspected of mental derangements, showing date, name of petitioner; name, residence, age, and sex of suspect, reasons for request, and names of witnesses and corroborators. Arr. alph. by names of patients. 9 x 3 x 4. Shf. off.

Maps

165. OFFICIAL MAP OF RUSH COUNTY, 1919. 1 map.
Plat map of Rush County, showing townships, sections, ranges, cities, and towns. Drawn by Frank L. Catt, Rushville, Ind. No scale given. 50 x 38. Shf. off.

IX. CORONER

The coroner is a constitutional officer elected for two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He is required to post bond not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than one thousand dollars. (2) The office was created before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1822, the organization date of the county.

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature, and to determine the cause and manner of death. He holds inquests without a jury, (4) and may subpena witnesses and employ a physician to make a postmortem examination, (5) filing his report and verdict with the clerk of the circuit court. (6) He is a peace officer with the same powers as the sheriff, (7) and acts as sheriff in event of absence, vacancy, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, (8) and serves warrants on the sheriff if necessary. (9)

All the records are located in the clerk's record room in the courthouse.

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(1) Const. 1851, art. 6, sec. 2.
(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901.
(3) Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 spc. sess.; Burns 49-2904.
(5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2906.
(6) Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1879 spc. sess.; Burns 49-2909.
(7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901.
(8) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2902.
(9) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2903.

166. CORONER'S INQUEST, 1893-1932. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of coroner's investigations into cases of violent or unexplained deaths, showing date, name, age, sex, address of victim; place of death; statements of witnesses called; cause of death; and verdict of coroner. No index. Hdw. 432 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

167. (CORONER'S INQUEST), 1843-1924. 6 file boxes.

Coroner's inquest papers regarding results of investigations into cases of violent or unexplained deaths, showing date, name, age, sex, and address of victim, place of death, testimony of witnesses, cause of death, and coroner's verdict. No index. 16 x 12 x 5.

X. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. (1) No person can hold office for more than eight years in any period of twelve. (2) He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars, approved by and filed with the county commissioners. (3) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1841.

This office is the center of county financial administration, and here the financial records of county business are preserved.

The auditor's principal functions are fourfold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims, including those approved by the commissioners. (4) Ex officio he acts as clerk to the board of commissioners, (5) the county council, (6) and the board of tax adjustment, (7) and as secretary of the board of review. (9) As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, (10) and certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks.(11) As budget officer, he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency and submits them to the county council. (12)

Other routine duties are: Keeping a land transfer record book; (13) managing the common school and the congressional township school funds as a member of the school fund board, (14) and apportioning semiannually the interest of these funds to the school

corporations; (15) preparing the ditch duplicates covering assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains; (16) issuing peddlers' licenses (17) and public warehouse permits; (18) acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for security of trust funds; (19) and approving bonds of township trustees. (20)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3001.
(2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2,
(3) Acts 1899; Burns 49-3003.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Acts 1897; Burns 26-806.
(5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 28-611.
(6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-509.
(7) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
(8) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(9) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.
(10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403.
(11) Acts 1933; Burns 64-810.
(12) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520.
(13) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1409.
(14) Acts 1865; Burns 27-104; Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 28-209.
(15) Acts 1879; Burns 28-265.
(16) Acts 1933; Burns 27-134.
(17) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 42-204.
(18) Acts 1875,1879 spc. sess.; Burns 67-201.
(19) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3011.
(20) Acts 1915; Burns 65-103.

Audits and Reports

168. RECORD OF MONTHLY BALANCE, 1911--. 2 vols. (1,2).

Record of cash balances for each month, showing date, amount received, account no., name of fund, date disbursed, total amount, and balance. No index. Hdw. 328 pp. 19 x 17 x 1 3/4. Aud. off.

169. AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1924--. 2 vols.

Record of certificates of distribution of tax revenues to the several county funds, showing date, source of receipts, and accounts chargeable. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 11 x 7 x 1½. Aud. off.

170. CERTIFICATES OF DISTRIBUTION, 1928--. 2 file boxes.
Auditor's certificates of distribution of funds to various county units, showing date, warrant no. and amount, and account no. No index. 7 x 4 x 15. Tr. rec. rm.

171. STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS, 1909--. 3 file boxes.
State inspector's financial report of county units, showing receipts and disbursements, name of account debited or credited, and yearly balance. No index. 14 x 10 x 5. 2 file boxes, 1909-1930, Aud. rec. rm.;1 file box, 1931--, Aud. off.

172. EXAMINATION OF TREASURER'S OFFICE BY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS, 1931-35. 1 file box.
Reports of state examiners of the county treasurer's accounts, showing receipts and disbursements, list of expenses and incomes, and account no. No index. 7 x 4 x 15. Tr. rec. rm.

173. REPORTS(Monthly), 1907. 1 file box.
Treasurer's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of tax revenues, showing account, funds credited and debited, and balance of funds on each account. No index. 7 x 4 x 15. Tr. rec. rm.

174. SETTLEMENT PAPERS, 1899-1929. 24 file boxes.
Spring and fall term tax settlements, showing tax duplicate, treasurer's cash statement, unpaid installments, and delinquent lists. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

175. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ADVISORY BOARD, 1912-35. 23 vols
Twp. trustee's report of receipts and disbursements, showing

date, source of revenue, name of payee, purpose, and fund credited or debited. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 14 x 1½. Aud. off.

176. TRUSTEE'S FINANCIAL REPORT, 1885--. 37 file boxes.
Trustee's report of all county revenue, showing record of disbursements, date, no. of receipts, name of payee, and account debited or credited. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

177. STATISTICAL STATEMENTS, 1896--. 72 vols.
Statistical record of farm produce and live stock raised on farms in the county, showing number of farms; acres, of timber, land, pasture, and cereal crop; and number and breed of live stock. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 50 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Aud. rec. rm.

178. FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1921--. 1 file box.
Monthly depository statements, showing amount of deposits and withdrawals, date, item, amount of balance, and name of depository. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

179. CIRCUIT COURT, 1917--. 2 file boxes.
Statement of allowances of court in civil suits, showing name of party awarded allowance, amount, and total held in trust. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

180. AUDITOR'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1869--. 4 vols. (1,2, and 2 vols. not numbered).
Record of all cash and fees collected, showing date received, name of payer, source of fees, and total amount collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Aud. off.

181. AUDITOR'S CASH BOOK, 1892-1909. 2 vols.

Record of cash on hand, showing fees collected, name of payer, purpose, and amount paid and due. No index. Hdw. 101 pp. 18 x 3 x 1.

182. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1881--. 14 vols. (1-5, 9 vols. not numbered).

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing date, amount, additions to original amounts, amount of disbursements from each fund, purpose, and balances. No index. Hdw. 202 pp. 17 x 14 x 1½. Aud. rec. rm.

183. RECORD OF EXPENDITURES OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 1898-1923. 3 vols.

Auditor's record of various county offices, showing date of order, fund debited or credited, names of payee and payer, purpose, and warrant no. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 17 x 14 x 1½. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 5.

184. POOR FUND LEDGER, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of funds disbursed on account of twp. poor, showing receipts, appropriations, and disbursements for twps., name of payee, warrant no., and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 10 x 3½. Aud. off.

185. POOR ACCOUNT RECORD, 1897-1924. 1 vol.

Record of disbursements to county poor, showing date, order no., name of payee, twp., receipts, and balance in fund. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Aud. off.

186. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1841--. 15 vols.
(1-5, and 10 vols. not numbered).

Record of warrants, balance of deposits, and warrants redeemed, showing date and no. of warrant, date redeemed, name of payee, account, appropriation no., ledger or folio, amount, total amount disbursed from county revenue, and balances. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. rec. rm.

187. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1853-70. 1 vol.

Record of orders drawn on county treasurer for expense items, showing date, order no., name of payee, character and amount of claim, and purpose. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Aud. rec. rm.

188. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1869-81. 1 vol.

Record of settlement of claims for expenses of county offices, showing date, order no., name of payee, and purpose. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Aud. rec. rm.

Taxes

Appraisements

189. TRANSFER BOOK, 1854--. 191 vols.

Record of real estate transfers, showing date, names of owner, grantee, and grantor, description and location of property, date of deed, and value of land. Arr. alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 230 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. Aud. off.

190. VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, 1864-1891. 4 vols.

Record of assessments and appraisals of real estate for tax purposes, showing name of owner, description and location, purpose,

value of land and improvements, no. of polls, and total value. Arr. alph. by names of tax payers. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. rec. rm.

191. ENUMERATION, 1889-1931. 97 vols.

Enumeration of white and colored male inhabitants, showing name, age, race, color, sex, and address. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 14 x 8 x ½. Aud. rec. rm.

192. STATEMENT OF CORPORATIONS, 1891--. 1 file box.

Statements of corporations for tax purposes, showing type and value of property and stock, and capital accounts. No index. 9 x 4 x 12½. Aud. rec. rm.

Returns

193. AFFIDAVITS OF MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS, 1925--. 37 vols.

Title varies: Mortgage Exemptions.

Record of affidavits of parties seeking exemption on mortgage indebtedness, showing location and description of property, amount of exemption, and name of mortgagde. Arr. alph. by mortgagors. Hdw. 275 pp. 8 x 8 x 2. Aud. off.

Lists

194. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, 1888--. 672 vols.

Record of individual property tax assessments, showing complete list of all real and personal property, improvements and appraised value of each classification, poll tax, and total appraised and assessed value. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 18 x 11 x ½. 302 vols., 1888-1908, Aud. rec. rm.; 370 vols., 1909--, Aud. off.

195. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT LIST, 1826--. 1971 vols.

Record of personal property assessments, showing date, name of party assessed, age, occupation, description and location of property, and name of assessor. Arr. by names of owners. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 8 x 1. 260 vols., 1826-62, Assr. off.; 1000 vols., July 1862-1925, attic stg. rm.; 711 vols., 1926--, Aud. off.

196. TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENTS, 1903--. 10 file boxes.

Record of total amount of assessments in each twp., showing type of property, personal, real, or improvements, location and description, tax rate of twps., and total amount of tax. No index. 13 x 10 x 4. Aud. rec. rm.

197. ROAD TAX LIST, 1906-16. 58 vols.

Record of tax lists prepared by auditor for road tax assessments, showing name of owner, description and location of property, and value. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 14 x 8 x ½. Aud. rec. rm.

198. COPY OF ASSESSMENT OF THE TOWN OF RUSHVILLE, 1856-66. 1 vol.

Record of original property assessments, showing in and out lots, block nos., improvements, personal property assessments, and total value of taxes. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Aud. rec. rm.

Delinquent and Reports

199. TAX SALES REGISTER, 1854--. 1 vol.

Record of property sold for delinquent taxes, showing date, names of owner and purchaser, address, and amount paid. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 12 x 2½. Aud. off.

For tax title deeds, see entry 118.

200. DELINQUENT TAX SALES, 1894--. 2 file boxes.
Original papers of property sold for delinquent taxes, showing date, names of owner and buyer, term of sale, sale price, and description of property. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. rec. rm.

201. AUDITOR'S REPORTS (Erroneous Tax Assessments), 1885-98. 15 file boxes.
Reports to treasurer of taxes erroneously charged to tax payers, showing date, amount, names of taxing unit and fund, and kind of tax, including school, poor relief, dog, and corporation. No index. 16 x 10 x 6. Aud. rec. rm.

Plat Books

202. PLAT BOOK, 1886--. 139 vols.
Record of owners of plats of land in each sec. of county, showing secs., twps., ranges and acreage, farm and twp. plats, and appraisal value. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 16 x 11 x 3/4. Aud. off.

203. TRACT BOOK, 1820-29. 3 vols. (1, and 2 vols. not numbered).
Record of purchases of federal lands, showing date, name of purchaser, acreage, type of land, amount, and no. of receipt. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. rec. rm.

School Funds
(See also entries 129, 254-256)

204. INVENTORY OF TRUST OF SCHOOL FUND LOANED, 1892--. 1 vol.
Record of school fund loans, showing date, amount, interest, total,

and kind of loan, including common and congressional. No index. Hdw. 476 pp. 16 x 17 x 2. Aud. off.

205. REGISTER OF LOANS OF SCHOOL TRUST FUND, 1872--. 2 vols. Record of loans made from school funds, showing date of loan, description and location of property offered as security, amount of loan, rate of interest, date interest due, and names of mortgagee and mortgagor. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1872-92, Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1892--, Aud. off.

206. RECORD OF CONDITION OF COMMON AND CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP FUNDS AND READJUSTMENTS, 1911-21. 1 vol. Record of congressional twp. funds held in trust by auditor, showing loans in force, cash balance, total credits, loans made, balance sheet, semiannual distribution, and readjustment. No index. Hdw. 394 pp. 16 x 17 x 2. Aud. off.

207. RECORD OF SCHOOL FUND, April 1-Oct.1,1933. 1 vol. Record of mortgages made to secure loans from state school funds, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date due, date of payment, amount paid, contract no., and amount. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. Aud. off.

208. REGISTER OF LOANS SCHOOL FUNDS, 1840-56. 1 vol. Record of money loaned from school fund, showing date and no. of loan, names of mortgagee and mortgagor, fund, interest payments, and balance of loan. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 3/4. Aud. rec. rm.

209. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1841-1925. 2 vols.

Record of principal and interest payments made on school fund loans, showing date, names of payer and account, amount, and receipt no. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Aud. rec. rm.

210. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1853-81. 1 vol.

Record of payments on school fund loans, showing date, receipt no., name of payer, and amount of payment. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 3/4. Aud. rec. rm.

211. JOURNAL, 1853-81. 2 vols.

Journal entries of payments made on school fund loans, showing date, name of payer, amount of payment, amount brought forward from previous month, and balance at end of month. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. rec. rm.

212. LEDGER SCHOOL FUND, 1853-99. 1 vol.

Ledger of school fund accounts, showing date, amounts including that distributed to the twps., purpose, daily balance interest, location, and name of school principal. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 17 x 3. Aud. rec. rm.

213. REGISTER OF ORDERS, SCHOOL FUNDS, 1853-81. 1 vol.

Record of orders for school expense drawn on county treasurer, showing date, order no., name of payee, and nature of claim. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 12x 1½. Aud. off.

For subsequent record, see entry 209.

214. REGISTER OF LOANS OF SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS, 1879-92. 1 vol.

Record of property mortgaged to secure school fund loans, showing

date, description, including lot no., block no., twp., range, sec.; amount of interest payment, date due, and receipt no. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 592 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 3/4. Treas. off.

215. REGISTER OF ORDERS PAID SCHOOL BOARD, 1904-13. 1 vol. Record of disbursements by school board, showing date, nature of expense, names of payer and payee, and total expenses. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 20 x 16 x 3½. Aud. off.

216. QUIETUS AND APPLICATION TO PAY, 1924--. 3 vols. Record of certified receipts issued by auditor in settlement of accounts, showing date, name of payer, purpose, and receipt no. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 17 x 12 x 2½. Aud. off.

Official and Retail Bonds

217. DEPOSITORY BOND REGISTER, 1924-32. 1 vol. Record of bonds posted by banks to qualify as depositories of county funds, showing date, names of bank and surety, funds on deposit, and register no. No index. Hdw. 625 pp. 17 x 14 x 3. Aud. off.

218. REGISTER OF BONDS, 1883--. 2 vols. (1-2). Record of county improvement bonds sold, showing date, type of bond, amount of issue, date due, interest rate, name of purchaser, and his address. Arr. alph. by names of purchasers. Hdw. 151 pp. 13 x 12 x 1½. Aud. off.

219. LIQUOR BOND RECORD, 1845-1912. 2 vols.
Record of bonds for sale of intoxicating liquors, showing date, names of dealer and surety, place of business, residence, amount of bond, and conditions,. No index. Hdw. 78 pp. 15 x 9 x 1. Aud. rec. rm.

Miscellaneous Records

220. MUSTER ROLL OF VETERANS, 1862-64. 1 vol.
Register of solders' enlistment in Civil War, showing date, name, rank, race, occupation, residence, and period of enlistment. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 13 x 18 x ½. Aud. off.

Maps

221. RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, 1919. 1 map.
Political map, showing twps., range, and sections. Drawn by Frank L. Catt, Hancock County. Black and white. 26 x 20. Aud. off.

222. RUSH COUNTY, 1912. 2 maps.
Communciations map, showing towns, roads, highways, and railroads. Drawn by Frank L. Catt. Published in Hancock County. No scale given. 39 x 28; 52 x 39. Aud. off.

223. RUSHVILLE, 1894. 1 map.
Political map, showing secs. of city, blocks, and streets. Drawn by A. N. Stewart. Scale, 10 rods to 1". 49 x 51. Aud. off.

XI. ASSESSOR

The office of assessor was created by an act of 1891. (1) This officer is elected for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms. The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1891. Qualifications are established by law: He must be a continuous freeholder of Rush County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. (2)

The duties of the assessor are: To examine carefully the tax duplicates, to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, to report to the state board any delinquencies of township assessors, (3) to examine public records, (4) and to set a value upon intangibles for taxation. (5) He is ex-officio member and president of the Rush County board of review. (6)

All the records are located in the assessor's office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.
(2) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1101.
(3) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102.
(4) Ibid.
(5) Acts 1933; Burns 64-905.
(6) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.

Maps

224. ORIGINAL MAP OF RUSHVILLE, 1822-1924. 1 map.

Physical and communications map of Rushville, Indiana, with improvements up to 1924, showing street additions, houses, and public buildings. Drawn by Stewart and Stewart, Rushville, Ind. Black and white. Scale, 1" to 1 rod. 34 x 27.

225. RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA, 1 map.

Physicial and political map of Rush County, showing sections, streets, business establishments, and additions to north part of town. Printed. No scale given. 50 x 38.

XII. BOARD OF REVIEW

By virtue of an act of 1919, Rush County has a board of review for the annual review of assessments and the equalization of valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, and auditor, ex-officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary of the board. (1)

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (2) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (3) The act of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership. (4) The inception date of this board in Rush County is 1881.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes thoughout the county. It also may redetermine the valuation of any particular tract or lot upon the complaint of the owner. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment to high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (5)

The board also makes a general review of assessment lists to discover omitted property and to correct errors in the lists. It assesses the capital stock of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. (6)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Act 1919; Burns 64-1201, 64-1206.
(2) Acts 1881, ch. 96, sec. 129.
(3) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.
(4) Acts 1919; Burns, ibid.
(5) Ibid.
(6) Ibid.

226. RECORD COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891-1935. 3 vols. (2-3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Minutes and proceedings of the board of review, showing valuation of assessed property, name and address of property owners, property description, and kind of changes made by the board. 1901-11, hdw.; 1902-35, typed. 580 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. Aud. off.

227. BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891--. 21 file boxes.

Petitions of all companies doing business in county, that seek a reduction in their taxes, showing proceedings of board, name of owner, kind of business, value, capital stock, and amount of indebtedness. No index. Condition poor. 13 x 10 x 4½. 17 file boxes, 1891-1930, Aud. off.; 4 file boxes, 1931--, Recr. off.

XIII. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Rush County was established by an act of legislature in 1933 and consisted of seven members. (1)

By an act of 1937 the membership of the board was changed. One is a member of the county council, chosen by the council, one member is the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of the county appointed by the said mayor of the largest city of the county, one member of the county board of education selected by such board, and four freeholders of the county appointed by the judge of the circuit court. Not more than four members of such adjustment board can be members of the same political party. The board is empowered to serve for one year. (2)

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levies and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (3)

All the records are located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
(2) Acts 1937, ch. 119, sec. 4.
(3) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.

228. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT, 1932--. 1 vol.

Record of review of all budgets and levies in each twp. by board of tax adjustment, showing dates, nature of examination, action taken, and offices involved. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

XIV. BOARD OF FINANCE

By virtue of an act of 1907, the board of county commissioners of Rush County constitutes the board of finance. The auditor serves as secretary. It may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purpose intended by its creation. (1) The inception date of this board in Rush County is 1907.

The board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of Rush County. (2) Is functions are to select the banks to serve as depositories for county funds and to apportion the funds among such depositories. In lieu of depositing county funds in banks, the board may purchase United States Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the United States Government or its instrumentalities. (3) The board receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, (4) and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository. (5)

The general assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the Depository Act of 1935, re-established the board of finance practically unaltered. The board has supervision of all public funds of the county, and the safe-keeping and deposit thereof. (6)

All the records are located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(2) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(3) Acts 1907, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 61-610.
(4) Acts 1907, 1931; Burns 61-616.
(5) Acts 1907; Burns 61-613.
(6) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 61-628.

229. RECORD OF BOARD OF FINANCE, 1907--. 3 vols.

Minutes of the meetings of the board of finance, showing date of meeting, name of bank acting as depository of county funds, name of surety, affidavits, and amount of interest. No index. Typed. 500 pp.

18 x 12 x 3.

XV. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

The county school fund board was created by an act of 1935. It consists of three members: the auditor and the clerk ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. (1)

The duty of this board is to make all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real property secured by mortgage. This was formerly a duty of the auditor. The board must satisfy itself as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered. (2)

The inception date of this board in Rush County is 1935.

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(1) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 28-209.

(2) Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, ibid.

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XVI. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years. No person is eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. (1) He is required to execute his official bond, in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of treasurer was in existence by virtue of an act of 1817. (3) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1822, the organization date of the county.

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Rush County and deposits the same on the proper orders issued and attested by the auditor. (4) He keeps fee books and cash books. (5) He makes quarterly reports to the commissioners; (6) at the expiration of his term of office, he gives a sworn statement to the auditor, showing specifically the amount of fees collected, (7) and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. (8) He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer of state, (9) and collects all taxes. (10)

The laws of the state also place certain ex-officio duties upon the treasurer. He is a member of the board of review, (11) and has custody of county funds, although the depositories are chosen by the board of finance. (12)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
(2) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1865, 1919; Burns 49-3101.
(3) Acts 1817, ch. 17, sec. 1.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3103.
(5) Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401.
(6) Acts 1895, 1913; Burns 49-1403.
(7) Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1402.
(8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3114.
(9) Acts 1859, 1861; Burns 49-1813.
(10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1502.
(11) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.
(12) Acts 1907, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 61-610.

Tax Collections

230. TAX DUPLICATE AND DELINQUENT LIST, 1841-1935. 928 vols.

Title varies: Delinquent Taxes; Tax Duplicates; Tax Duplicate and Delinquent.

Record of property tax assessments and delinquent list, showing name of owner , description and location of property, value of property and improvement, and total values; mortgage exemptions; poll and road tax, and total valuation. No index. Hdw. 582 pp. 20 x 17 x 2 3/4. 645 vols., 1865-1910, attic stg. rm.; 48 vols., 1841-76, Aud. rec. rm.; 74 vols., 1877-1912, Aud. off.; 81 vols., 1900-1916, Tr. rec. rm.; 80 vols., 1917--. Tr. off.

231. INSOLVENT RECORD, 1896--. 5 vols.

Record of insolvent tax payors, showing date, name and address, amount of tax delinquent, reason taxes are not collectable, and total current and delinquent taxes. Arr. chron. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 320 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. Tr. off.

232. STAMP TAX, 1934-35. 3 file boxes.

Intangible property stamp tax sales, showing balance on hand, amount of sales, name of buyer, and net balance. No index. 7 x 4 x 15. Tr. rec. rm.

233. INHERITANCE TAX PAID, 1928-35. 3 file boxes.

Papers pertaining to value of estates, filed with court to determine inheritance tax, showing dates, name of estate, value of exemption, and amount of taxes. No index. 7 x 4 x 15. Tr. rec. rm.

For other records, see entry 40.

234. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, TAX PAYMENTS, 1912-28. 31 vols. (1-14, 1-17). Title Varies: Township Tax; Corporation Tax.

Record of tax payments, showing date, receipt no., amount, and name of payer. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Tr. rec. rm.

235. JOURNAL-TREASURER, 1877-98. 2 vols.

Record of taxes collected, and disbursements to the various funds, showing date recieved, nature of tax, name of payer, to what fund allotted, and amount of allowance made. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. Tr. rec. rm.

236. TAX RECEIPTS, 1916--. 330 vols.

Record of tax receipts, showing date, duplicate no., amount of tax, name of payer, location and description of property, value, amount, and payment date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 14 x 17 x 2½. Tr. rec. rm.

237. TAX RECEIPTS, 1907--. 11 file boxes.

Duplicate of paid tax receipts, showing duplicate no., name of tax payer, amount of tax, location and description of property, values, and date paid. No index. 10 x 9 x 10. Tr. rec. rm.

238. DELINQUENT RECORD, 1928--. 1 file box.

Receipts for delinquent taxes, showing names of towns, location

and description of lots, value of property, amounts paid, and remarks. No index. 10 x 14 x 4. Tr. rec. rm.

239. REGISTER OF DELINQUENT RECEIPTS, 1873-77. 2 vols. (1-2). Register of receipts for delinquent taxes paid, showing name of payer, amount delinquent, description and location of property, name of town, property values, and amount paid. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Tr. rec. rm.

Public Improvements

240. DITCH ASSESSMENT DUPLICATE, 1932--. 1 vol.
Record of assessments for ditches, showing interest rate, date payable, penalty, total cash paid, and payment dates; name of taxpayer, location and description of ditch and property affected, name of property owner, amount of assesment, rate of interest, terms, dates of payment, penalty, and cash paid. Arr. alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 19 x 1½. Tr. off.

241. DRAIN RECORD, 1931. 1 file box.
Papers pertaining to drain and its repairs, showing name of drain, cost of work, kind of work done, correspondence, and drain assessment sheet. No index. 7 x 4 x 15. Tr. rec. rm.

242. GRAVEL ROAD TAX DUPLICATE, 1883-93. 6 vols.
Record of taxes paid on gravel roads, showing name of taxpayer, location and description of property, benefit to each tract of land or townlot, total benefit, installment dates, delinquent taxes, and total. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 14 x 1½. Aud. rec. rm.

243. GRAVEL ROAD TAX LIST, 1886-89. 2 vols. (2-3).
Record of amount of assessments for gravel roads, showing name of taxpayer, location and description of property, payment amount , and penalty. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 17 x 19 x 1½. Tr. off.

244. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, GRAVEL ROADS, 1885-90. 1 vol.
Record of taxes collected, and disbursements for up keep of gravel roads, showing date, warrant number, names of road and taxpayer, and total receipts and expenditures. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 17 x 14 x 13. Tr. off.

Receipts and Disbursements

245. DAILY BALANCE BOOK, 1908--. 7 vols. (1-6; and 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of the daily balance of cash received and deposited, showing amount on hand for each day; name of depository, amount brought forward from previous day, amount of warrants paid, and balance carried forward to next day. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 3/4. Tr. off.

246. RECORD OF MONTHLY BALANCES, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of the monthly balance of each fund, showing balance at first of month, total monthly receipts, to what account or fund allotted, monthly disbursements, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Tr. rec. rm.

247. TREASURER REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1877--. 18 vols.
Record of money collected from sources other than taxes, showing date, names of payee and payer, amount, and to what account allotted. Arr. chron. Hdw. 50 pp. 22 x 17 x 2. Tr. off.

248. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1890-98. 1 vol.

Record of all cash received, showing date, name of payer, amount of payment, and purpose. No index. Hdw. 262 pp. 20 x 17 x 2½. Tr. off.

249. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK OF ALL RECEIPTS, 1911--. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies: Cash Book Tax Payments; Record of Receipts.

Record of receipts from all sources, showing date, name of payer, duplicate number, taxing unit, amount of taxes, current or delinquent, date paid, and total daily collections. Arr. chron. Hdw. 170 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Tr. off.

250. CONDENSED LEDGER, 1898-1910. 1 vol.

Brief record of revenues received from different county sources, showing date, and names of payer and fund. No index. Hdw. 240 pp. 22 x 16 x 3. Tr. off.

251. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1914--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of money disbursed from various funds for county expenses, showing date, warrant number, name of payee, and total amount disbursed from all funds. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 22 x 17 x 3. Tr. off.

252. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENT ON AUDITOR'S WARRANTS, 1879-1920. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of auditor's warrants paid, showing warrant and appropriation numbers, dates issued and redeemed, name of payee, amount of warrant, and fund debited. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Tr. off.

253. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, TAXES, 1881-90. 1 vol. Record of tax receipts and disbursements, showing date , receipts, and warrant number ; names of payer and payee, total receipts and disbursements, and purpose. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. Tr. off.

School Funds (See also entries 129, 204-216)

254. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1853-81. 2 vols. Record of receipts from all sources for school funds, showing name of payer, amounts, and name of fund. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. Tr. off.

255. LEDGER OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1853-1908. 2 vols. Record of common and congressional school funds, showing total amount of interest received monthly, and all other school fund receipts; date and amount , name of payer, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Tr. rec.rm.

256. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1853-81. 3 vols.

Title varies: Register of Orders; School Funds. Register of all school fund orders, showing date , order number , name of payee, on what account, nature of claims, and amount . Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Tr. rec. rm.

XVII. ELECTION BOARDS

Board of Election Commissioners

By legislative enactment in 1889, the board of election commissioners was created. It consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. This board is appointed annually and serves without pay. It is its duty to prepare and distribute ballots for the election of county officers. (1)

The board's duties are: To print ballots; to receive petitions to place candidates' names on the ballots; and to receive certificates of nominations by convention or primary election. (2)

Board of Canvassers

By an act of 1905, the legislature constituted the board of election commissioners a board of canvassers. They are required to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists and tally papers. (3) The further duties of the board are: To tabulate the votes, record them in the poll books, and file them, together with the tally papers and certificates, in the office of the clerk. (4) The board selects its own chairman, and the clerk of the circuit court acts as clerk of the board, (5) and the board declares the election winners by a statement of certification. (6)

PRIMARY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The primary election commissioners were provided for by an act of the legislature in 1915. They consist of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated in writing by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. It is their duty to prepare and distribute the primary ballots and generally supervise the primary elections. (7) The canvass of the primary votes is done by the board of canvassers. (8)

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(1) Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002.
(2) Acts 1889, 1933; Burns 29-1003.
(3) Acts 1905, 1907; Burns 29-1401.
(4) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404.
(5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402.
(6) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405.
(7) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504.
(8) Acts 1915; Burns 29-560.

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XVIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The educational system of Indiana had its beginning back in 1818, and since then it has undergone several changes.

The legislature in 1818 provided for the appointment by the county commissioners of a superintendent of schools for each congressional township. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1824 the school system was administered by three township school trustees, who were elective. (2)

The school administrative system was changed by the legislature in 1833. By this new act the election of a school commissioner was prescribed. (3)

In 1852 the legislature provided that the township trustees should serve as a board of school trustees in each civil township. (4)

By legislative enactment in 1865 three school trustees were elected by the common council of each incorporated city and the board of trustees of each incorporated town to administer the school system in conjunction with the township trustees of each civil township. (5)

By an act of 1873 the county board of education was created. The board was comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustees of each city and town of the county. (6)

The inception date of this board in Rush County is 1873.

By legislative enactment in 1877 the membership of the board was changed to consist of the county superintendent of schools,

the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town. (7)

The duties of the board are to take care of the general needs of the schools, maintenance of school property, and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. (8) Its powers also include appointment of a county attendance officer upon nomination of the county superintendent. (9) The board may purchase text books from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost. (10)

All the records are located in the superintendent of school's office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1818, ch. 49, sec. 1.
(2) Acts 1824, ch. 97, secs. 1, 2.
(3) Acts 1833, ch. 70, sec. 3.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, secs. 4, 8.
(5) Acts 1865, ch. 1, secs. 4, 5.
(6) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8.
(7) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801.
(8) Ibid.
(9) Acts 1921, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 28-501.
(10) Acts 1921; Burns 28-613.

257. MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1919--. 1 vol. Minutes of meetings, showing date, place of meeting, and business transacted. Arr. chron. 1919-23, hdw; 1924--, typed. 475 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

XIX. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1865 the legislature provided for a school examiner to be appointed by the county commissioners. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1873, the act of 1865 was amended, and the school examiner's title was changed to "county superintendent of schools". He was appointed by the township trustees to serve for a term of two years. (2)

In 1883 the legislature extended the term of office of the superintendent of schools to four years, and also provided that he be elected by the township trustees. The act also required that he post bond with the auditor to insure faithful performance of his duties as prescribed by law. (3) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1873.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Rush County. He visits each township institute once each school year and conducts teachers' county institutes. He carries out the orders of the state board of education and the state superintendent of public instruction. (4) He is required to make a report as to teacher's preparation, experience, and license before being hired by the school trustees. (5) He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenue from the enumeration of pupils. (6) He receives statements for school aid relief from school and township trustees. (7) He is ex-officio member and president of the board of education. (8)

All the records are located in the superintendent of school's office, in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1865, ch, sec. 33.
(2) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2.
(3) Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702,
(4) Acts 1899; Burns 28-704.
(5) Acts 1927, 1933; Burns 28-4302.
(6) Acts 1865; Burns 28-715.
(7) Acts 1933; Burns 28-903.
(8) Acts 1873, 1877;1877; Burns 28-801.

Activities and Reports

258. APPLICATIONS, 1911--. 1 file box.

Applications for positions as teachers, showing name of applicant, grade expected to teach, desired salary, and qualifications. No index. 27 x 15 x 11.

259. LETTERS, 1911--. 1 file box.

Correspondence pertaining to superintendent's office. No index. 27 x 15 x 11.

260. SCHOOL DATA, 1911--. 1 file box.

Collection of school data, composed of written articles, newspapers clippings, bulletins, and memorandums. No index. 27 x 15 x 11.

261. INSPECTION PAPERS, 1911--. 1 file box.

Record of inspection of township schools, showing condition of buildings, rooms, facilities, necessary improvements for proper teaching, and date. No index. 27 x 15 x 11.

Teachers

262. SCHEDULE OF SUCCESS ITEM, 1908--. 2 vols.; 2 drawers.

Title varies: Success Grades of Teachers.

Record of teachers success grades, showing score of personality,

preparation, teaching technique, achievements, management, professional attitude, date, and name of teacher. Indexed alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. Vols., 150 pp. 8 x 5 x 4; drawers, 18 x 10 x 3.

263. RECORD OF COUNTY TEACHER'S INSTITUTE, 1884-1924. 2 vols.

Record of meetings of teachers of county schools, showing date, place of meetings, attendance, visitors, and minutes of meetings. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

264. RECORD OF TEACHER'S EXAMINATIONS, 1884-1922. 3 vols.

Record of examinations of grade school teachers, showing date, name, address, and age of teacher, grade of examination, and duration of license issued. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½.

Pupils

265. RECORD OF GRADUATES, 1882-1907. 4 vols. Title varies: Record of High School Graduates.

Record of high and grade school graduates, showing date, names of graduates, teachers, trustee, superintendent, and township; and age of graduate. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 1½.

266. RECORD OF TRANSFERS, 1887-98. 1 vol.

Record of transfers of school pupils, showing date, name of pupil, school transferred from, and school transferred to. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½.

XX. HEALTH OFFICER

By legislative enactment in 1881, a county board of health was established and was required to elect a secretary who acted as the health officer for each town and city, and the county. (1)

In 1891 the legislature amended the act of 1881 and enlarged the duties of the health officer, who acted through the board of health. (2)

The health commissioner was provided for by an act of the legislature in 1909, and in the same act a repeal clause repealed the act creating the county board of health. The health commissioner is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a four-year term. (3) The health commissioner must be a licensed physician. (4) The inception date of the records of this office in Rush County is 1881.

By an act of 1935 the title of county health commissioner was changed to county health officer, who is appointed by the county commissioner with the approval of the state board of health, to serve four years. The county health officer must be legally qualified to practice medicine, suitably trained in sanitary science, and his qualifications must be satisfactory to the state board of health. He is required to enforce the health laws of the state and enforce all the rules of the state board of health. (5)

It is the duty of the health officer to enforce the health laws; to record and report vital statistics, such as births, deaths, and marriages; to make sanitary inspections of all public and

private buildings in regard to sources of disease; to establish quarantine and take all reasonable means to protect the public health; to close schools and churches; and to prohibit public assemblies to prevent epidemics. (6)

All the records are located in Doctor E. I. Wooden's office, Odd Fellows Building, Rushville, Indiana.

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(1) Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4993.
(2) Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8.
(3) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-109.
(4) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-110.
(5) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 35-118.
(6) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111.

Vital Statistics

267. RECORD OF BIRTH, 1882---. 12 vols. 1903-7, missing. Record of births, showing date and place of birth, names of child, parents, and physician; parents' age, race and color; father's occupation, and number of children in family. Arr. alph. by names of children. Hdw. 358 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

268. RECORD OF MARRIAGE, 1882---. 12 vols. Record of marriages, showing date, names of bride, groom, and parents; and ages, residences, number of marriages, and health record of bride and groom. No index. Hdw. 365 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For other marriage records, see entries 31-33.

269. RECORD OF DISEASE, 1882---. 12 vols. Record of contagious diseases, showing kind of disease, general condition, residence, name, and age of patient; name of parents, date, and duration of illness. Arr. alph. by names of patients. Hdw. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

270. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1882---. 12 vols. 1903-7, missing. Record of deaths, showing date, names and ages of deceased and parents, and cause of death. Arr. alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 10 x 2.

XXI. BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The board of public welfare of Rush County, created in 1936 by an act of the legislature, consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (1)

Subject to the rules and regulations of the state department of public welfare, the board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and such other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the state department of public welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind. (2)

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Rush County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (3)

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the board of public welfare upon its organization in 1936. (4)

All the records are located in the welfare office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1118.
(2) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1120.
(3) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns 1936 suppl., 52-1119, 52-1120.
(4) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1121.

271. REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for assistance for old age, dependent children, and blind, showing application number, date of application and action, name, age, sex, and address of applicant, and kind of application. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 10 x 1.

272. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNTY DIRECTOR, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of recommendations and rejections of county director, showing kind, application number, name of applicant, action, amount of award, certificate number, and date effective. Arr. chron. Hdw. 75 pp. 16 x 11 x 3/4.

273. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of assistance given to aged and blind, showing name and address of recipient, amount of award, if revoked or canceled, funeral expense, total assistance allowed, and serial and application numbers. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

274. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of assistance given children whose parents are unable to furnish proper support, showing application and serial numbers, names and addresses of child, parents, and guardian, amount of award, date effective, and if revoked or canceled. Arr. chron. Hdw. 175 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

275. REGISTER OF CLAIMS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claims filed and approved, and warrants issued for operating expenses, and assistance given, showing date, claim and account numbers, amount brought forward, amount chargeable, appropriation chargeable, and monthly total. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 13 x 1.

Board of Public Welfare

276. CLAIM REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claims from appropriation each month, showing date, warrant number, amount of claim and appropriation, and balance. Arr. chron. Typed. 60 pp. 17 x 14 x ½.

277. CERTIFICATE OF CLAIMS TO STATE DEPARTMENT, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of disbursements to be reimbursed by state, showing county, code number, amount paid from appropriation, date, page number of claim register, and certification by director and auditor. Arr. chron. Typed. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

278. RECEIPT BOOK, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of money recovered on property for assistance given, showing receipt number, county, state, amount, date, name of payer, and account credited. Arr. by receipt nos. Typed. 175 pp. 20 x 10 x 1.

279. MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of monthly statistical report, showing summary of application, assistance given, name of applicant, and date. Arr. chron. Typed. 100 pp. 20 x 12 x ½.

XXII. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of surveyor was in existence by virtue of an act of 1831. (3) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1831.

The surveyor has charge, under direction of the county commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and supervision of, the construction of all bridges, turnpikes or other roads, ditches, drains, and levies. (4) He also has charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, (5) unless the county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (7)

For private parties, he takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate, (8) and, upon request, establishes lines and corners of lands and lots. (9)

The surveyor may employ deputy surveyors to assist in performing the engineering duties of the office. (10)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301.
(2) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302.
(3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 102, sec.1.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309.
(5) Acts 1935; Burns 36-1101.
(6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113.
(7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.
(8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1857; Burns 49-3317.
(9) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311.
(10) Acts 1891, 1899; Burns 49-3306.

Surveys and Reports

280. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1848--. 3 vols. (2-3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of surveys and locations of corner stones, showing range, township, time, method of survey, and location of cornerstones. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Sur. off.

281. ROAD AND DITCH SURVEY, 1912--. 64 vols.

Record of the surveys of roads and ditches, showing station number, elevation, height of instrument, foresight, and turning point. Indexed alph. by names of roads or ditches. Hdw. 62 pp. 7 x 4 x ½. Sur. off.

282. RECORD OF FIELD NOTES, U.S. SURVEY, 1887. 1 vol.

Record of field notes of U.S. survey of land, showing number of twp., range, and description of land. No index. Hdw. 326 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½. Aud. off.

Construction Plans and Specifications

283. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1848--. 6 vols. (1-4, 1A-2A).

Title varies: Ditch Record.

Record of ditches and drainage, showing date, names of ditch and land owner, location of ditch, specifications, and amount of assessment. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Sur. off.

284. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS OF REPAIRS, 1900--. 563 bundles, 8 file drawers.

Report of repairs on ditches and roads, showing date, cost, location of road or ditch, and kind of repairs. No index. Hdw. Bundles, 9 x 3 x 1; drawers, 36 x 15 x 3. Sur. off.

Maps

285. OFFICIAL MAP OF RUSH COUNTY, 1919. 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing townships, ranges, ranges, roads, streams, and borders. Drawn by Frank L. Catt. Printed. No scale given. 49 x 38. Sur. off.

286. RUSH COUNTY, 1885. 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing townships, roads, streams, ranges, and boundaries. Drawn by W. H. Catt, and published by R. Ryse, Indianapolis, Ind. Colored. Scale, 1 in. to 4 mi. 72 x 48. Sur. off.

287. ROAD MAP OF RUSH COUNTY, 1935. 1 map.

Physical and communications map, showing townships, ranges, ditches, railroads, roads, and names of owners of lands adjoining ditches. Drawn by Loren Winkler. Black and white. No scale given. 82 x 58. Sur. off.

288. MAP OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA, 1934. 50 maps.

Communications and plat maps, showing streets, blocks, business houses, important buildings, parks, cemetery, and roads. Drawn by A. Cameron, Rushville, Ind. Printed. Scale, 1 in. to 20 rods. 34 x 30. Sur. off.

289. PLAT OF RUSHVILLE, not dated. 1 blueprint.

Plat map, showing location of lots, streets, and railroads. Blueprint. No scale given. 50 x 18. Sur. off.

290. PLAT OF LAND LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO RUSHVILLE, 1933. 1 blueprint.

Plat map of land lying south of Rushville, showing location and size of land. Drawn by A. R. Merkless. Blueprint. No scale given. 24 x 18. Sur. off.

291. STANDARD REINFORCED CONCRETE SLAB AND GIRDER WITHOUT FILL, 1925. 1 blueprint.

Construction blueprints, showing method of removing old structure, method of construction of new bridge, and material to use. Blueprint. No scale given. 33 x 20. Sur. off.

292. M. J. PRICE ROAD, 1926. 1 blueprint.

Physical map of Price Road, showing location in Ripley Township. Drawn by Adolphus Cameron. Blueprint. No scale given. 17 x 22. Sur. off.

293. M. B. ROTH ROAD, 1920. 1 blueprint.

Communications map of M. B. Roth Road, showing location of road in Orange Township. Drawn By. F. Catt. Blueprint. No scale given. 94 x 22. Sur. off.

294. FRANK CAPP ROAD, 1916. 1 blueprint.

Communications map, showing location of Frank Capp Road in Rushville Township. Drawn by Adolphus Cameron. Blueprint. No scale given. 79 x 22. Sur. off.

295. WILLARD TRIBBY ROAD, 1919. 1 blueprint.

Communications map, showing location of Tribby Road in Posey Township. Drawn by F. L. Catt. Blueprint. No scale given. 43 x 21. Sur. off.

296. PROFILE OF WM. E, ROTH, 1920. 1 blueprint

Profile of Wm. E. Roth Road, showing road specifications, kind of material used, and location of fills. Drawn by Frank L. Catt, Rushville, Ind. Blueprint. No scale given. 7 x 18. Sur. off.

297. ALBERT ALLEN HIGHWAY, 11th. ST., 1925. 1 blueprint.

Communications map, showing location of Albert L. Allen Highway in Rush County. Drawn by Adolphus Cameron. Blueprint. No scale given. 92 x 22. Sur. off.

298. PLAN AND PROFILE OF STATE HIGHWAY, 1917. 1 map.

Plan and profile map of state highway, showing Smith County, Ill., from Milo Corners to Station Corners. Colored. Scale, 1 in. to 100 ft. 36 x 22. Sur. off.

299. PLAN AND PROFILE OF PROPOSED STATE HIGHWAY, 1919.

1 blueprint.

Physical map, showing plan and profile of proposed state highway. Drawn by H. H. Bishop. Blueprint. Scale, 1 in. to 2000 ft. 36 x 22. Sur. off.

300. THE C.C.C. AND ST. L. RY. MICHIGAN DIVISION, 1929.

1 blueprint.

Communications map, showing railroads and rivers. Published at Wabash, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, 4 in. to mi. 35 x 34. Sur. off.

301. PLAN AND PROFILE OF RYSE CULVERT AND GRADE, 1929.

1 map.

Plan and profile map of Ryse Culvert and Grade, showing location of road in county. Drawn by Adolphus Cameron. Colored. No scale given. 35 x 23. Sur. off.

302. PROFILE OF PROPOSED NEW CHANNEL OF FLAT ROCK RIVER, 1933.
1 blueprint.

Physical map of proposed new channel of Flat Rock River, showing width and depth, and proposed route of new channel. Drawn by A. R. Horkless. Blueprint. No scale given. 19 x 18. Sur. off.

303. DITCH MAPS, 1927--. 73 maps.

Drainage maps, showing date, names of land owners, and location of ditches. Drawn by Loren Winkler. Black and White. Scale varies. 21 x 15. Sur. off.

304. RUSH COUNTY DITCHES, 1828--. 60 maps.

Physical ditch maps of Rush County, showing ditch to be repaired, location, names of land owners, and surveyor, and date. Published at Rushville, Ind. Printed. Scale varies. Size varies. Sur. off.

XXIII. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

In pioneer times the roads were maintained by the local authorities. The citizens usually worked out their road taxes by giving a certain number of days labor, furnishing their own teams. The township road superintendent had charge of the work performed. This system prevailed for nearly a half a century.

In 1879 the legislature constituted the county commissioners a board of turnpike directors, each serving as supervisor in his own district. (1) In 1913 the county highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of two years. (2) Some records bear his title. This office was abolished in 1933, (3) and the powers and duties conferred on the surveyor. (4)

In order to provide for necessary supervision of hihgways in counties warranting more attention than the surveyor can give, the board of county commissioners has the right to appoint, at its option, a highway supervisor whose term of office is discretionary with the board of county commissioners. (5) The board of commissioners of Rush County has appointed a highway supervisor.

The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1933.

The highway supdrvisor oversees the maintenance and repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county, (6) and has authority to fix the limits of loads carried over them. (7) He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (8)

All the records of this office are located in the highway supervisor's office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1879, ch. 115, sec. 1.
(2) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.
(3) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113.
(4) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101.
(5) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.
(6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103.
(7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1102.
(8) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.

305. LOCATIONS, 1935--. 1 file drawer.

Record of locations of work being done on highways, showing location, kind of work, and material used. Arr. alph. by names of roads and twps. Hdw. 6 x 6 x 14.

306. HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT SHEETS, 1925--. 3 file boxes.

Reports of highway expenditures, showing pay rolls, material, and repairs and expenses on trucks. Arr. chron. Hdw. 14 x 10 x 4½.

307. MONTHLY EXPENSE ACCOUNT, 1925--. 5 vols.

Record of all expenses for month, showing date, names of employees, amount of payroll, material cost, supply cost, and other expenses. Arr. chron. Hdw. 180 pp. 12 x 8 x 1.

XXIV. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of agricultural agent was created by the legislature in 1913. This act provided that an agent should be appointed upon petition by the residents of the county. (1) The inception date of this office in Rush County is 1918.

By legislative enactment in 1937 the office of agricultural agent was created for every Indiana county. The agricultural agent is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board, entitled county agricultural agents board. The qualifications of the agricultural agent are prescribed by the board. (2)

The county council is required to appropriate not less than one thousand dollars annually to be used in paying office help, expenses of the agent, mileage, rent, or other incidentals. The salary of the agricultural agent is paid by the state through Purdue University.

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, are: To cooperate with movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life, with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; to conduct practical farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest work; to give advice to farmers on practical farm problems; and to aid the superintendent of schools and teachers of the county in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science. (2)

By an act of 1931, the office of home demonstration agent, whose work is supplemental to that of the agricultural agent, was authorized upon petition to the county council by the taxpayers of the county. (3)

All the records are located in the agricultural agent's office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927; Burns 28-4911.
(2) Acts 1937, ch. 224, sec. 1.
(3) Acts 1931, Burns 28-5627.

Reports

308. BULLETINS AND INFORMATION FILE, 1918--. 2 file boxes. Bulletins and information concerning farm problems, showing ways to efficiently handle various farm problems. No index. 26 x 12 x 14.

309. WHEAT ASSOCIATION CONTRACTS, 1933--. 12 file boxes. Record of wheat association, showing number of acres sown, expense, and location of land. No index. 24 x 12 x 12.

310. HANDICRAFT, 1929--. 1 file box. Record of handicraft of classes in home economics, showing grade of work in various kind of classes. No index. 26 x 12 x 14.

311. THE HOME GROUNDS, 1929--. 1 file box. Records of gardening, showing helpful hints in raising vegetables, and information in making gardens. No index. 26 x 14 x 12.

312. 4-H CLUB WORK, 1929--. 1 file box. Record of 4-H Club, showing enrollment, names of leaders and members, age, address, kind of work, and progress. No index. 26 x 14 x 12.

313. 4H CLUB RECORDS, 1918--. 4 file boxes.
Record of meetings, showing minutes of all proceedings, names of members, ages, date, and place of meeting. No index. 12 x 12 x 24.

Maps

314. RUSH COUNTY, 1919. 1 map.
Physical and communications map, showing townships, sections, farms, rivers, roads, and railroads. Drawn by Frank Catt, Indianapolis, Ind. No scale given. 48 x 36.

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